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CONGRESS WRANGLES

International Matters Cause Heated Debate in Senate.

SEC. OLNEY'S ACTIONS CENSURED

Senator Sherman Denies That He Entered into a Compact with the State Department Regarding the Cuban Matter.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Although the senate met at noon to-day, there is no likelihood of a renewal before Monday of the heated debates on international matters which characterized yesterday's session. Yet another wrangle may be precipated quite as unexpectedly as yesterday's. First arose the subject of the recognition by congress of the republic of Cuba—Mr. Turpie, dem., Ind., giving notice of his intention to call up Senator Cameron's resolution on Monday next and address the senate upon it. Mr. Turpie adverted to Secretary Olney's defiance of congress in the matter of Cuba, and said that it reminded him of the schoolmaster of antiquity "who whipped his pupils gently." He also referred to a newspaper statement of an alleged compact between the present secretary of state and the premier of the next administration that there would be no action in relation to Cuba during the present congress. This statement was bluntly contradicted by Senator Sherman, as one without the slightest foundation. "There has been," he declared, "no conversation at all between us on the subject matter; no expression of opinion." After this episode the question of the arbitration treaty was brought upon the tapis in an equally informal and chance manner. Mr. Cullom, rep., Ill., had earlier in the day sent to the clerk's desk for publication in the Record a large number of letters which he had received on the subject, some favoring and others opposing ratification. Mr. Hoar, rep., Mass., presented other memorials on the same subject and took the opportunity of lecturing "a great many of the wisest and best men in all parts of the country" for what he called their "intemperate zeal" in favor of the ratification of the treaty. He reminded them that the treaty was still in process of negotiation, and that it was poor diplomacy, while the matter was still inchoate, to have "learned, eloquent, heated, impassioned utterances come from the pulpit, the press and college halls" in favor of instant ratification. He pointed out that if some modifications of the treaty were deemed necessary and Mr. Olney submitted them to the Marquis of Salisbury, the marquis might well reply: "Your people are clamoring for the treaty as it is. You do not represent your country and your country's interest." He repelled the insinuation that the senate was to have the spurs jabbed into it if it didn't dispose of the treaty in twenty-four hours. Mr. Hoar's views were sustained and reinforced by his colleague, Mr. Lodge, rep., Mass., who said that it would not conduce to the interest of peace between nations if in a year or two the treaty would develop causes of disagreement which would lead to its immediate denunciation and would set back the whole plan of arbitration for years. The discussion was continued in somewhat the same strain by Senators Sherman, rep., O.; Cullom, rep., Ill.; Hawley, rep., Conn.; Sewell, rep., N. J., and Stewart, pop., Nev., and then Mr. Morgan, dem., Ala., interposed an objection that the whole debate was out of order, and the matter was dropped.

Nicaraguan Canal Bill Causes Trouble.

After this there was a lull of some twenty minutes in the proceedings during which the military academy appropriation bill was under consideration, its progress being impeded by a proposition to have the West Point cadets participate in the inauguration parade. Before that knot had been disentangled the Nicaraguan canal bill was taken up as the unfinished business. At the threshold another international question was injected in the shape of a letter from the secretary of state, transmitting a communication from Mr. Rodriguez, the minister of the "Greater Republic of Central America," protesting against the various Nicaraguan canal bills before congress, as being in violation of the contract with the Maritime Canal company. Mr. Morgan plunged into the discussion in his usual manner, hitting right and left. He insinuated that this Rodriguez letter had been written at the instigation of a greater power (Great Britain), which always advanced its ends, but never failed to protect its subjects. He charged that the letter was an attempt on the part of Nicaragua to collect four million dollars "blackmail," and asked what kind of a senate it was that would accept dictation of this kind without being furnished with the requisite information from the state department and without knowing "what passed between the president and this man Rodriguez in the blue room of the White House." Mr. Hale, rep., Me., suggested an adjournment until Monday, so as to secure any further information that might be forthcoming, but Mr. Morgan warmly replied that Mr. Hale must ask that information of Secretary Olney himself, as he had found him inaccessible. Most of the senators present were desirous of adjourning over until Monday, but they lacked a quorum, and the senate was again called to order at noon to-day

Grosvenor Attacks the President.

Mr. Cooper, dem., Tex., called up and the house passed over the president's veto the bill to establish a new division of the eastern judicial district of Texas. The feature of the debate on this matter was a caustic criticism by Mr. Grosvenor, rep., Ohio, upon the executive order which denied senators and representatives access to the president except through the private secretary of the president. Mr. Grosvenor said: "It is unfortunate for the American people that for three years past few self-respecting representatives of a respectable constituency would make any effort to see the president. He issued an order that no senator or representative in congress should present himself in person until he had bowed before a private secretary and had received for his errand the sanction of that august personage. At that time I was in the midst of a matter connected with my official relations to the president, and after having concluded it, I filed a statement at the executive mansion that I would never again seek to see the president of the United States under the present administration. And I have kept my word."

COMPETITOR PRISONERS.

Secretary Olney's Efforts To Have Spain Decide Their Cases at Once.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The correspondence relative to the arrest and trial of the Competitor crew which has been laid before congress is very voluminous, but contains little that has not been heretofore printed. The latest dispatch is a cable from Mr. Olney to Minister Taylor, September 3, last, stating that the delay of the Spanish government in deciding the case was absolutely unreasonable and calling upon Mr. Taylor to urge prompt action. This brought a reply under date of September 8 in which Mr. Taylor said the Spanish minister of foreighs affairs had told him confidentially that the judgment in the Competitor case had been annulled and a new trial ordered before and ordinary tribunal. The decision was expected to be given out shortly.

Carnegie Steel Company Changes.

Pittsburg, Jan. 23. — Important changes have been made in the organization of the Carnegie Steel Co., by which C. M. Schwab is made a vice-president and head of the mechanical department, A. R. Peacock vice-president and head sales agent, L. R. Childs, vice-president head of the financial department, treasurer. The changes contemplate a more complete system, and were made at a meeting of the board of directors by Andrew Carnegie.

Dixon Knocks Out Murphy.

New York, Jan. 23.—George Dixon knocked out "Australian" Billy Murphy last night in the sixth round of their twenty-round battle at the Broadway Athletic club The deciding blow was a left hook which landed full on the pit of the stomach with terrific force. Dixon showed an immense improvement over his recent form as shown against White.

Ice Blockade off Newfoundland Coast.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 24.—The ice blockade is increasing. The mail steamer Virginia Lake, which was frozen in in the northern ports for nearly three weeks, has just reached here. She reports that the entire coast is packed with Arctic ice. All shipping traffic is suspended. It is doubtful if any more steamers visit here before spring.

Woman Suffrage Delegates.

Plainfield, N. J., Jan 23.—At a meeting of the New Jersey Woman's Suffrage association held in this city Mrs Phoebe Wright of Manasquan and Mrs. Kate Browing of Orange were elected delegates to represent the state of New Jersey at the national convention of woman's suffrage associations to be held at Des Moines, Ia., next week.

Fierce Gale Off the English Coast.

London, Jan. 23.—A severe easterly gale is prevailing throughout Great Britain and northwestern Europe. Many casualties have occurred. A number of coasting vessels and fishing boats are missing and grave fears are entertained for their safety. A brigantine has been driven upon a pier at Redcar and totally wrecked.

An Essay on the Monroe Doctrine.

London, Jan. 23.—The Cambridge university prize for the best English essay has been awarded to a student named Reddaway. The subject of the essay is "The Monroe Doctrine," and the Cambridge examiners have declared that Mr. Reddaway's production is worthy of being published.

Concord Granite Cutters' Wages.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 23.—The Concord Granite Cutters' union has served notice on the Manufacturers' association that a new bill of prices will be called for on expiration of the present schedule, March 1, in which an increase of 10 per cent. on piece work will be provided for and the minimum pay per day will be fixed at $2.65.

CONDITION OF TRADE

Business Still Improving, But Prices Are Down.

INDUSTRIES MORE ACTIVE NOW

While Production Increases, Consumption Is Still Slow — All Indications Point To Slow But Steady Improvement.

New York, Jan. 23.—Dun's weekly review of the state of trade for the week just ending will to-day say: There is more business, though not at better prices. It is interesting that almost all prices which changed at all are lower than a week ago, and yet business is unquestionably larger. There is a larger production, but as yet not as much increase in consumption, and there is larger buying of materials, but at present only because better prices are expected in the future. The market for securities is slightly stronger, and yet there is very little doing The number of hands employed, all industries considered, is slighly larger than a week ago, without adverse change in the rate of wages. All apprehension of foreign disturbance of money markets has passed away, but there is still great caution in making loans. It is a mistake to reckon these as symptoms of depression. On the contrary, in spite of the lower range of prices in important industries, the conditions indicate larger production and a consumption increasing, not as yet largely, but steadily.

Wheat, Corn, Cotton and Wool.

Wheat, corn and cotton are the keys of the financial situation, and during the past week wheat has declined and cotton is unchanged. The western receipts of wheat are still small. The price has declined for corn also, although everybody knows that the heavy exports mean relatively more than the exports of wheat. Cotton is unchanged, but the continuing large movement from plantations and the depression of manufacturing here and abroad do not encourage high prices. There has been a general reduction in prices of cotton goods, which at present stimulates larger buying. The woolen industry is as slow as ever, and no real improvement appears in the demand for goods, although owing to the lateness of the season there is a little more doing, both in spring and in winter goods, without quotable change in prices. The heavy buying of wool mentioned last week has continued, with smaller concerns participating, and is understood to be in anticipation of expected tariff duties.

Metals and Boots and Shoes.

In the minor metals a stronger tone is general. Copper is slightly stronger, lead has improved a little and tin is steady with a stronger market at London. In boots and shoes the actual shipments from Boston are but little less than in January, 1895, and larger than in any other year on record, although there is still the common report that new orders are extremely light, shops devoted to the making of certain grades of goods are preparing to close, and prices of some grades are a little lower. The iron industry is engaged in settling relative prices, and the slow operation retards business in many branches, since the future of prices is uncertain. Bessemer pig is a tride lower at Pittsburg as is Grey forge, though no further decline has occurred in eastern markets or at Chicago. But the competition of new concerns tempted to manufacture nails by the high prices recently maintained, causes slightly lower sales of wire nails and cut nails. The bar association has been in session to consider the reduction of steel bars and the billot association has again been called together, although there is no prospect of its reorganization. The increase in manufacturing is perhaps more definitely shown than in any other way by the production of coke, which steadily increases.

The Money Market.

There is no anxiety in the money market, although supplies of commercial paper are comparatively scanty. But the operations in the sterling exchange market make it clear that foreign operations in stocks for the moment lean toward buying rather than selling. The interior money movement has been comparatively light, though receipts have exceeded shipments, so that the accumulation of unemployed money here increases. The treasury receipts for the month thus far fall below expenditures, but a considerable deficiency usually appears at the time of annual payments of interest.

Confessed to Arson.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 23.—At the inquiry into the fire which destroyed the barn of Albert F. Henry of Leominster, Henry confessed to the deputy fire marshal that he set the blaze himself. He was immediately placed under arrest.

The Daniel Manning Launched.

Boston, Jan. 23.—The new revenue cutter Daniel Manning was launched at East Boston yesterday afternoon. She stuck on the ways and had to be pulled overboard by tugs.

HANNA FOR SENATOR

Majority of the Ohio Legislature Favorable to His Candidacy.

GOV. BUSHNELL THE STUMBLING BLOCK

The National Chairman Visits Columbus and Meets the Governor and Members of the Legislature at a Banquet.

Columbus, O., Jan. 23.—The intense interest in the selection of the successor to Senator Sherman brought nearly the whole membership of the Seventy-second general assembly to the reunion yesterday and banquet last night, where Gov. Bushnell and chairman Mark Hanna, among others, responded to a toast. "I have merely come down for an outing," said Chairman Hanna. "I have not been in the best of health for some time and took advantage of the kind invitation to join in the reunion of the members of the general assembly, with nearly all of whom I am personally acquainted. There is nothing political in my visit." It is not believed here, however, that Chairman Hanna came here solely for his health. Gov. Bushnell called upon Chairman Hanna at his quarters in the Chittenden and the two chatted for a short time. Their meeting was not a conference, however, in any sense of the word. A more significant fact was the conference in the governor's private office. W. R. Day of Canton, a close friend of President-elect McKinley, and Lieut.-Gov. Asa W. Jones were present. Mr. Day denied himself to newspaper men and left the city soon after the conference. Mr. Jones would not discuss the senatorial question. Ex-Gov. Foster had engaged quarters, but telegraphed that he would not be in the city. It is evident that a majority of the members of the legislature are for Hanna for the senate. The report comes from Chairman Kurtz, who is very close to Gov. Bushnell and Senator Foraker, that Bushnell will not appoint Hanna to the senate. From the same source also comes the statement that the governor will not call a special session of the legislature. From other sources it is reported that Bushnell will propose to Hanna, that inasmuch as the workingmen were appealed to in the late campaign to support the republican ticket and responded nobly, and, as there are plenty of rich men in the senate and no representative of the laboring classes, one of the latter should be appointed to the vacancy. To meet this, the Hanna advocates are using a statement made by John McBryde, ex-president of the United Mine Workers, to the effect that Hanna was the fairest man in his dealings with his employes that he ever knew. The toast assigned Mr. Hanna at the banquet was "Ohio, the Mother of Presidents; How They Are Made."

NEW CABINET POSSIBILITY.

P. C. Knox of Pittsburg Urged for the Position of Attorney-General.

Canton, O., Jan. 23.—Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia, who is one of Major McKinley's most valued personal friends, left for his home last evening. "My visit has been a charming and satisfactory one," said Mr. Goff. "Are you in the cabinet?" was asked. "I cannot say that I am," answered Judge Goff. The understanding here is that Judge Goff will be tendered a portfolio and that he will accept. Judge Goff will doubtless be either attorney general or postmaster general. A new cabinet possibility has been suggested by C. L. Magee, who stated that the friends of P. C. Knox of Pittsburg would suggest to Major McKinley the expediency of making him attorney general. Mr. Knox is a successful lawyer of large means, who is eminent in his profession. Mr. Magee said he did not come to Canton to discuss the cabinet and remarked that while he was personally friendly to Charles Emory Smith, he would have to support Mr. Knox, the local cabinet possibility. There has been much speculation here to-day regarding the New York member of Major McKinley's cabinet and the suggestion has been made that the president-elect may decline to appoint anyone from that state if the factional pressure is too fierce. Miss Helen McKinley, sister of the president-elect, fell on a slippery sidewalk yesterday afternoon and broke her arm.

Will Contest the Election.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Congressman Benjamin L. Fairchild, rep., of the 16th congressional district, which comprises Westchester county and the 23d and 24th wards of New York city, will contest the election of congressman-elect William L. Ward, who is also a republican.

$15,000 for Radcliffe.

Boston, Jan. 23.—The will of the late Mrs. Susan Heard Dabney contains among other bequeasts one of $15,000 to Radcliffe college, Harvard annex, upon the death of her daughter.

Belmont's Horses Scratched.

London, Jan. 23.—All of the horses entered in races on the English courses for the season of 1897 in the name of August Belmont have been scratched.

SIEGE OF GUAMO.

Rebels Besieged the Fort for Fourteen Days and Nearly Captured It.

Havana, Jan. 23.—Upon the return to Manzanillo of the gunboat Centinela after the sinking in the Cauto river of her consort the Relampago by the explosion of a torpedo planted by the rebels, orders were given for a force of Spanish troops to proceed to Guamo to relieve the beseiged garrison there, which had been the object of the naval expedition, but which had been frustrated by the loss of the Relampago and the death or wounding of every man on both that vessel and the Centinela either through the explosion itself or the subsequent rifle fire from the rebels who were ambushed on both sides of the river. The relieving expedition was under the command of Col. Tovar, who, with his brigade, marched along the left bank of the Cauto river, meeting detatched parties of rebels at various places along the route. At Cayamo the insurgents were gathered in quite strong force, but after a short engagement they left the town. The Spanish force then proceeded for Guamo, where they found that the insurgents who had been attempting the capture of the fort had disappeared.

Besieged for Fourteen Days.

It was learned that the rebels had attacked the fort on Jan. 6th. They were in two columns, one operating from the right bank of the river being under the command of Calixto Garcia and the other operating from the left bank being led by Rabi. Many attempts were made to carry the fort by assault, but without success. The insurgents had artillery and the projectiles from their cannon unroofed the fort and did serious damage to the heavy walls of the structure. Finding themselves unable to capture the Spanish position, the rebels determined to attempt to compel its surrender by cutting off the supply of water. In pursuance of this object trenches were dug in front of the place from which the garrison obtained its water, and a detachment of rebels were placed therein to prevent the troops approaching. The garrison, however, had sufficient water to last with rigid economy until the rebels, evidently hearing of the approach of the reinforcements, raised the siege and retired, just when it was apparent the garrison could hold out but a short time longer. Some time before the enemy disappeared they blew up with dynamite a barge that was employed as a pontoon for the passage of troops across the river. The siege lasted for fourteen days. The garrison lost three killed and eight wounded, while twelve men were made sick by the close confinement within the walls of the fort, the scant rations and short supply of water.

CLAIMS AGAINST SPAIN.

President Transmits to the Senate a List Aggregating Nearly $10,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 23.—In response to a resolution, the president has sent to the senate a list of the claims filed in the department of state by American citizens against Spain arising out of the insurrection in the island of Cuba, together with such correspondence concerning the capture of the schooner Competitor and the persons claiming American citizenship taken on that vessel as he does not deem incompatible with the public interest to communicate. The list of claims includes eighty-three, aggregating nearly $10,000,000, where the amount is stated.

Sent Son and Money for Cubans.

New York, Jan. 23.—Francisco Rosado, a young Cuban from Iquique, Peru, arrived in this city last evening and immediately reported at the Cuban junta. Young Rosado stated that he had come to this country at the solicitation of his father, who had also sent with him $1,000 for the Cuban cause and a letter asking that the young man be immediately sent to the front in Cuba. He said that when his father heard of the death of General Maceo he made up his mind at once to do what he could for the Cubans and sent his son and the money.

Fleeing Rebels Drowned.

Havana, Jan. 23.—The Spanish brigade under command of Gen. Molin, which has been operating in the vicinity of Zarabanda and Guamo, in the province of Matanzas, has had an engagement with several combined parties of rebels, who were defeated and routed. In their flight many of the rebels threw themselves into the Hanabana river, and fifteen were drowned and twenty-four perished by sinking in the mud. The troops lost two killed and seven wounded. Gen. Weyler is now at Pales, in the province of Matanzas.

Shot for the Crime of Rebellion.

Havana, Jan. 23.—Alfredo Rodriguez Garcia and two other prisoners were shot yesterday at Santa Clara for the crime of rebellion. The mayor of Havana has resigned. The Diario de la Marina suggests the appointment of a military officer to fill the vacancy.

Sullivan's Case Continued.

Boston, Jan. 23.—The case of John L. Sullivan, ex-champion pugilist, has been continued in the poor debtor's court until February 5.

U. P. FORECLOSURE

Government Begins Proceedings To Protect Its Interests.

SALE OF THE ROAD WILL BE PUBLIC

An Agreement Already Reached Which Assures the Government's Claim— $4,000,000 in Cash Deposited as Security of the Terms.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The following statement was given to the United Associated Presses by Attorney General Harmon this morning: "Upon the defeat of the funding bill in the house the president directed the attorney general to commence foreclosure proceedings against the Union Pacific Railway company, first making the best arrangements obtainable for the protection of the government's interests. Following the lines indicated in his last report, the attorney general began negotiations with the reorganization committee. On Thursday an agreement was made which will result in immediate steps to foreclose. The chief subject of the negotiations was the protection of the government against the risk of sacrifice of its claim by a sale at a price which would leave nothing substantial after paying prior liens. This protection is now assured by a guarantee that the government shall receive on its lien on the aided portions of the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific lines, including the sinking fund, not less than $45,754,000. The sale will be public, so that the government will receive the benefit of any higher bids up to the full amount of its claim, principal and interest. The sum of four and a half million dollars cash was on Thursday deposited with the United States Trust company of New York by Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee, as security, according to the terms of the agreement. The committee agree to bid par for the sinking fund if it is desired to sell it at any time before the foreclosure sale. Bills in equity have been prepared, signed by the attorney-general and Hon. George Hoadley, special counsel, and forwarded to St. Louis, where they will on Friday be presented to Judge Sanborn, who has jurisdiction in all the districts and whose consent to their filing is necessary, because the receivers in charge of the property are made parties defendant. They are original bills and not cross bills in the pending suits. Whether they will proceed as independent bills or be ordered to stand as cross bills in the pending suits will be determined by the judge, but in either event the result will be practically the same, viz., the sale of the property under the government lien as well as under the first mortgage. The bills will be filed in the districts of Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Seperate bills for the foreclosure of the lien on the Kansas Pacific are in course of preparation. These will be filed in Missouri and Kansas. The proposed arrangement was submitted to the government directors before it was closed. They all recommended its adoption."

To Evade Opposition to Boxing.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Joseph W. Boyle, manager of pugilists Hall and Slavin, who were to have met here in Sohmer park, Wednesday, but who were prohibited from doing so by an order issued by the mayor, says the bout will come off on Monday night under the caption of an athletic tournament. The two men will appear and there will be tugs of war, heavy-weight lifting, club swinging, etc., in addition.

Two Negro Murderers Sentenced.

New York, Jan. 23.—Recorder Goff, in general sessions, sentenced Howard Scott, colored, who was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing his wife in this city some time ago, to be electrocuted during the week beginning March 15. Arthur Mayhew, the negro murderer of Stephen Powell, has been sentenced to die in the week of March 7, by Justice Garretson at Long Island City.

New Copyright Bill.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Mr. Fairchild, rep., N. Y., has introduced in the house a bill to amend the copyright law making it unlawful to mark as "copyright" any article, book, map, chart, etc., for which a copyright has not been obtained. Violation of this law is made punishable by a fine of $100, one half of which goes to the person filing the suit.

Escaped Prisoner Recaptured.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Chief Hazen of the United States secret service has received a telegram informing him of the arrest in New York city last night of Michael Egan, an alleged counterfeiter, one of the four men who recently escaped from Ludlow street jail, the other two United States prisoners who escaped are still at large.

Comte de Remusat Dead.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Comte de Remusat, a member of the French senate for Haute-Garonne, is dead. He was in his 66th year. Comte de Remusat was a liberal contributor to various newspapers.

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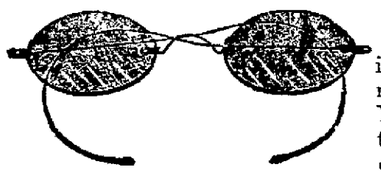

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EDUCATION IN BERLIN.

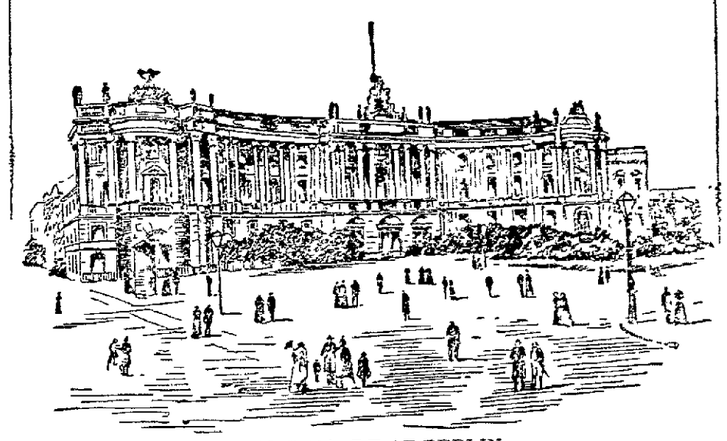
How the Germans Manage Public and Private Schools.

In Many Respects the System is Better Than Ours—Jobbery an Unknown Crime Among Members of School Boards.

[Special Berlin Letter.]

Long before Berlin became the capital of the newly united empire she was known throughout Germany as "the City of Intelligence," mainly because of the large number of admirable schools of every kind within her precincts. As a matter of course, however, the impetus given the whole city since the close of the war of 1870-71 made itself also felt in the educational field, and to-day, without question, Berlin stands preeminent among German cities as the educational center; not in the same degree, it is true, as Paris does for France, but certainly more than London does for England. Berlin university, for instance, counts by far the largest number of students, having exceeded the 6,000 limit some time ago. Besides that, however, are such special institutions of learning as the Technical high school, the Academy of Mining, the Pedagogic seminary, the Jewish Science school, the Art academy, the High School for Music, the Art school, the Veterinary college, the Dental High school, the War academies, and a whole string of technical military schools, and the Surgical academy.

It is those high schools, several of them acknowledged to be the best in the world, more especially which have given Berlin her reputation as an educational world center. But in this instance, to keep within the scope of this series of articles, I wish to more particularly confine myself to those schools which are solely under municipal direction, started and managed wholly or in part by municipal enterprise and with municipal funds, viz: the lower schools, such as the communal schools, the gymnasia, etc. And while these do not enjoy so widespread a reputation as the others before mentioned, they are of even more importance to the city as a whole, for in these are taught 95 per cent. of Berlin's youth of both sexes, the future bone and sinew of the municipality.



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I will here premise that, as the result of a somewhat thorough research, I do not think these Berlin municipal schools are altogether perfect. Just to mention one or two drawbacks, I think that many of them, especially the older ones, are deficient in hygienic provisions, and the discipline maintained in them strike me also as too rigorous, setting at naught, in some cases, parental authority to an extent which would not be relished by American parents. In these two respects, I believe, the better kind of American public schools is ahead of those of Berlin Ventilation is a thing, for instance, in which, I believe, German schoolmasters and German school architects might to good advantage take lessons from their American colleagues, a fact, by the way, which was officially admitted in the German educational government report on the world's fair of 1893. In a word, I think the Berlin communal school is not a model in all respects. But in most essential respects at least it may well be termed so. These essentials, I take it, are the amount of knowledge taught the average pupil and the even chance afforded each child of Berlin parents to run through the entire school course at municipal expense. In this last-mentioned report particularly I find Berlin ahead of the large American cities, even of New York and Chicago, where there is constant overcrowding in the public schools, and yet, even with that disturbing factor, not nearly enough seating capacity to accommodate all the children of citizens who would like—or, at any rate, who ought—to send their offspring to the public schools.

To insure, of course, the school attendance of all children of the school-going age, it is also necessary to have an efficient and comprehensive system of watching truants. Such a thorough, unfailing system as prevails here is, of course, one duplicated with ease in such cities and countries where police surveillance is as exact and unvarying, and such police surveillance again is a thing which in America, rightly, too, would not be tolerated However, I mean to speak of matters as I find them here, without going around into the why and wherefore. The reader then may pick out what seems worthy of emulation and draw his own conclusions from the facts cited.

The Berlin communal school system, in its present shape, is not very old. It dates since after the war of 1870. Wherever you will go to-day in Berlin, in the most crowded business quarters as well as in the more sparsely-settled suburban districts, you will encounter, separated by short distances, those stately, huge piles on whose main portal the bear (Berlin's municipal emblem) stands guard in sculptural effigy—the communal schools. There are now slightly over 220 of them within the city limits, and their average attendance is about 130,000, boys and girls. The number of these communal schools grows somewhat in excess of the population increase, as the intention is to reduce the attendance at each individual school somewhat, so as to bring the average number of pupils in each class down to 40 or 35. It is now about 50, which is higher than it ought to be. All the communal schools which have been built since 1885 are much better from the hygienic as well as artistic point of view than those erected before that date, and the last 50 or 60 school buildings have little, if anything, to be desired in those respects. The city disposes over a very large educational fund, large enough with wise management to realize gradually all the aims striven for, and this fund is annually growing larger, due in part to the increasing number of taxpaying inhabitants and also to specific bequests made by private citizens of large means.

There is a school commission for every district, in all counting several hundreds of members, so that the particular needs of each district are well known and looked after. These commissioners are made up of citizens specially fitted by profession, reputation and means for these honorary offices (wholly without emoluments), and at the head of these subcommissions stand the central board. The latter is endowed with all requisite powers and with such special talent and technique as the case calls for. This system has proved its efficiency more and more as the years go by, as is best evidenced by the fact that the public schools of Berlin are becoming steadily better. "Jobs" and all manner of dishonest dealing, as well as all undue influences and prejudices, either political, religious or social, are, of course, vigilantly kept out of the school board and its subordinate commissions, and to be a member of either central board or commissions is synonymous with sterling integrity and high intelligence.

The communal schools are taught by about 2,400 teachers of both sexes, about 60 per cent. of female to 40 per cent. of male teachers. These teachers' positions are virtually for life—with certain stated exceptions—and entitle, after a lapse of 30 years or more of faithful service, to a pension until death. The salaries paid are low enough when compared with American salaries—averaging from 1,200 marks (about $300) to 3,000 ($750) for class teaching, and from 3,500 to 6,000 marks ($850 to $1,500) for principals and their assistants. Duties, too, are more onerous, as the school hours are longer and there are fewer days of vacation (though the vacations and the off days come more frequently), the latter, in fact, being only about 60 days, exclusive of Sundays, during the whole year. But the climate being a milder and more even one, both summer and winter, school teaching is, in reality, a more healthful occupation here than it is in large American cities.

Besides the free or lower communal schools the city also supervises and controls about 110 private schools. These include the special schools for commerce and trades (among the latter being schools for tailors, dyers, chairmakers, trimmers, masons, carpenters, printers, etc.), the finishing schools for a number of quasi-professions, as stenographers, typewriters, bookkeepers, etc, schools for the blind, the deaf, etc., also a number of high schools for girls, the gymnasia, the "real-gymnasia" (or semitechnical schools), the "real" schools, seminaries for teachers, several Jewish schools, etc. All these are supervised, not nominally, but very much indeed, so that neither morally nor intellectually are they permitted to sink below a certain fixed level.

The libraries, public or semi-public, fittingly belong in here as well, and they, too, are with a few exceptions, under municipal control. The largest of them, the Royal library and the University library (the latter with 150,000 volumes, literary and scientific, the former with about 600,000) are exempted from this control, but nearly every municipal school and many other municipal institutions boast of libraries that are of special use to many. It is due, in very large measure, to the character of both the technical and trade schools and of the libraries to which the pupils have free access that German industry has made such enormous strides during the past 20 years, and that the phrase "Made in Germany," primarily intended by the noble Briton to shame German goods into insignificance and to restrict German competitors, has assumed a very different meaning on the borders of the Thames of late.

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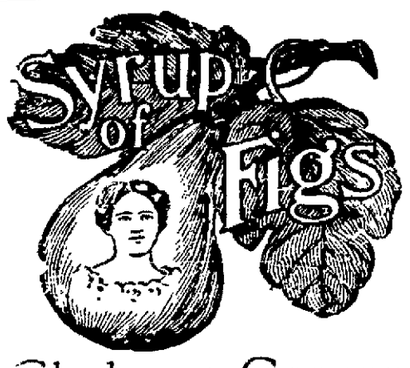

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

—Old School Baptist Church—Preaching at 2 p. m. by Elder J. D. Hubbell. Seats free.

—Bethel A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. H. Nichols, pastor—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 3 p. m.; Bible reading, 6:45 p. m.

—Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Beattie, D. D., pastor—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.

—St. Paul's M. E Church, Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; class meeting, 9:45 a. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Seats free and strangers cordially invited.

—Y. M. C. A., North street—Meeting for men at 3:30 p. m. All men welcome. Good orchestra in attendance.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street, Elder D. L. Cookling, pastor. You will be made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m.; preaching 3 and 7:30 p. m.

—W. C. T. U., 134 North street—Services at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

—First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas Gordon, D. D., pastor—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m; Young People's service, 6:30 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

Mission school and service, corner East Main street and Prospect avenue, at 3 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

—A. M. E. Zion Church, East avenue, Rev. G. M. Payne, pastor—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 3 p. m.; C. E., 7 p. m.

—Free Christian Church—Sunday School, 11 a. m. Preaching in the evening by the pastor. Subject:—"Dolls Stuffed With Sawdust." Gospel Temperance Union this evening.

—The First Universalist Church, Assembly Rooms, 61 North street, Rev. J. Newton Emery, pastor—Sunday School and pastor's Bible class, 10 a. m.; public worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning sermon:—"How God May Be Known to Be the Father." Evening, the fifth in the series of special sermons:—"Universalism of Experience" All are invited.

—North Street Congregational Church, Rev. J. W. Norris, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Sunday School, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m. Morning subject:—"Divine Harmony." Evening, evangelistic service. Seats free. Strangers welcome.

—First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young people's service, 6:30 p. m. Evening subject:—"Is the World Getting Worse.." Cordial welcome to all.

—North End M. E. Chapel—Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Robert Lawrence, Supt. All are invited.

—Grace (Episcopal) Church, Rev. D. J. Evans, B. A., rector—Third Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

—First Baptist Church, Rev. Frank A. Heath, pastor Morning subject:—"Reasons why a great revival of Christians is needed in our city." Evening subject:—"The first prayer of a magnificent Christian." Prelude to sermon—A wrong impression regarding the new religious society in our city corrected; a plain statement of the position of this pulpit. Our seats are all free. You are welcome

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

Of the Ladies' Guild of the First Congregational Church.

The Ladies' Guild of the First Congregational Church held a very interesting meeting in the church parlors, Friday afternoon.

A pleasant hour was spent in sewing and in social chat. The programme was under the care of Mrs. W. A. Robinson.

The general topic was "Women's work in our church." Miss McNish gave a most interesting paper on the work of the "Social Circle" in days gone by. A paper on the work of the Crane Mission Circle, written by Mrs. J. J. Silk and read by Mrs. Charles Lyon, was greatly enjoyed.

After the report of the Secretary, Mrs. Schwartz, and the Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Billings, an extremely bright and racy article, written by Mrs. Frank P. S. Crane in her usual happy style, was read. It caused much laughter as well as pricks of conscience, her subject being "Our reasons against church work."

Mrs. Robinson followed with a well written, thoughtful paper on the opposite side of the question.

After a solo by Miss Berthoff the meeting adjourned.

Ball of Eureka Division, O. R. C., at Paterson.

The first annual ball of Eureka Division, Order of Railway Conductors, at Paterson, Thursday evening, was a decided success. Most of the members of the Division are employed on the Susquehanna and Western, and among those present were Superintendent McKelvey and other officers of that road. Middletown was represented by James Brazee and Charles Babcock, of Milford Division.

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OVER THE SHAWANGUNKS

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY ARE DOING.

All the News from All Parts of the County—Many Matters of Interest Condensed from Our Sullivan Exchanges and Contributed by Wide Awake Correspondents.

—While a driver employed by William Husch, Jr., was coming down the steep hill from Mr. Husch's farm, at Morsston, Monday, with a load of wood the lock chain broke and the wagon gained such headway that in making a sharp turn the load toppled over and went down a forty-foot embankment. The horses ran some distance. The wagon was totally wrecked but no one was injured.

—The taxpayers of Livingston Manor are to meet Monday evening, to complete arrangements for incorporating the village.

—Joseph Joiner, of near Livingston Manor, has sued the town of Liberty for damages for injuries received by his colt which broke through a bridge some time ago. The case will be tried Feb. 16.

—The residence of Ira Martin, at Debruce, was burned Friday morning of last week. Only a few household goods were saved. Early Thursday evening the chimney of the house burned out and Mr. Martin sat up till 11 o'clock to see that everything was all right. At 2:30 o'clock he awoke to find the house in a blaze.

—The seats are being put in the new Catholic Church at Livingston Manor, and it is expected that the opening ceremonies will soon be held.

—Oliver Hofer, of Jeffersonville, has been engaged to make surveys for the proposed steam railroad from Monticello to that village. He will run the line as far as White Lake.

—The report of M. M. Gillespie, secretary of the County Sunday School Association, shows that there are in the county 126 Sunday schools with 1,060 officers and teachers, which are attended by 5,165 children and youth and 1,542 adults. The contributions for the year amounted to $2,207.78.

—The Sullivan County Club did not hold its annual election at the appointed time, the president having been served with an injunction forbidding an election until a judicial decision can be obtained as to the right of the club to collect dues under an article in its constitution. There has been considerable friction in the club of late and the management of the directors has been considerably criticised.

—Fifty-two men are now employed in Sherwood's turning shop at Livingston Manor.

—Whooping cough is very prevalent in Hurleyville and vicinity.

—Barney Redding, the young man who was accidentally shot by his brother, Joseph, Jan. 15, while they were hunting in the town of Bethel, was more seriously injured than at first supposed. The bullet passed through his liver and lodged in the front of the abdomen. It is hoped that he will recover.

—J. H. Devoe, of 53 Broadway, New York, has subscribed for 736 of the 750 shares into which the $75,000 capital stock of the Fallsburgh and Monticello electric road is divided. The directors named in the articles of incoporation are: B. Van Steenburgh, J. H. Devoe, John A. Curtlidge, J. H. Van Steenburgh, C. B. Harris, W. A. Topping, W. C. Bucklen, William Dean, Lester Rock. The principal office of the company is at 53 Broadway, N. Y.

—Joseph Gillett, a well known farmer residing at Thunder Hill in the town of Neversink, died on Thursday, January 14th.

—The new Liberty depot will be ready for occupancy in about three weeks. It will be in every respect the same as the one destroyed by fire.

—H. J. Severance, of Lynn, Mass., has rented the store of Joel C. Fisk in Liberty, formerly occupied by George Smith, and will open it as a grocery.

—Some of Liberty's most prominent citizens have organized a private school, with Rev. H. Douglas Spaeth, pastor of the German Lutheran Church, as principal. Instruction will be given from the kindergarten up to high school branches.

—Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. Lindsley gave a dinner to the Farmers' Club of Thompson, Saturday evening, Jan. 16th. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

—William Mitchell, the well known sash and blind manufacturer of Monticello, died Thursday morning, aged seventy-eight years. He was a native of England, but had lived in Monticello for fifty years.

—The Mitchell Summer Home or old academy property, in Monticello, was sold under foreclosure, Saturday, to John C. Pelton, the mortgagee, for $8,000. He will repair and refit the buildings and rent if he cannot sell the property.

—Mrs. Allen, eighty-four years old, who lives with her son, east of Monticello, was badly injured by a fall, a few days ago.

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Nearly Two Million Acres in Oregon to Be Thrown Open to Settlement.

"Seekers after homes will divert their thoughts from Oklahoma and the Indian territory," said Maj. Charles E. Worden, agent of the United States at Klamath, Ore., recently, "and rush to Klamath as soon as the Indians have been allotted their lands in severalty. When this is done about 1,850,000 acres of as fertile and beautiful country as any in the world will become part of the public domain and subject to homestead entry."

Since June, 1894, Maj. Worden has been in Oregon establishing farms, erecting schools and parceling out lands for the Indians to hold under the government's cooperative realty system devised for the red man.

Some months ago the curator of the national museum at Washington requested Maj. Worden to secure a collection of implements, domestic and offensive, as well as specimens of the raiment and handiwork of the Klamaths. He spared neither pains nor expense in performing the task, and he and his collection have reached the capital city, accompanied by the Klamath boundary commission. He will be in Washington for two months to give the interior department officials the benefit of his knowledge of the subject in dispute.

"If you think the Klamaths have no pride of attainment, no glory in tradition and no idea of caste," continued Maj. Worden, in exhibiting his collection to several visitors, "look at these. This is the war shirt of Moghen Casket, given by him with a bow of sinews and 12 poisoned arrows to Capt. Ivan Applegate. That huge dark mass resembling a whale's liver is the only Klamath medicine stone. To touch it is said to be instant death, and it is supposed to travel at night. I have to pay freight on it to Washington, however.

"That mortar and pestle arrangement is the Klamath device for grinding 'wocus,' their staff of life. 'Wocus' is made from the seed of pond lilies. In the Klamath marsh there are 200,000 acres covered with these beautiful flowers, which the Indians carry away in canoes.

"There is a 'wooden coyote,' regarded as 'strong medicine,' and a wooden bear which the Klamaths think is the ossified quintessence of Lalapokes' warlike spirit—also strong medicine. Lalapokes is an old man, chief sachem of the Klamath tribes.

"Those dilapidated trousers made of buckskin were presented by the daughter of Preston, who translated the treaty of 1864."

There are gloves, moccasins, arrow heads and ornaments of all descriptions in Maj. Worden's collection.—Chicago Chronicle.

THE LAST THREE TERRITORIES.

A Proposition to Make One State Out of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

From 1876 to 1896 six terriories of the United States were admitted to statehood—Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Dakota—the last as two states, North and South Dakota. Prior to that Colorado was admitted on August 1, 1876, and Nebraska on March 1, 1867. There are now remaining only three territories in the United States, exclusive of the District of Columbia, the Indian territory and Alaska, which makes no serious pretensions to statehood. These three territories are Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and when all three are admitted into the union, if they ever are, the United States will extend literally from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico.

Arizona covers an area of 113,000 square miles. New Mexico covers an area of 122,000 square miles, and Oklahoma, with No Man's Land, covers an area of 39,000 square miles—in all, 275,000 square miles, or 10,000 square miles more than the entire area of the Lone Star state of Texas. The present population of Arizona is about 70,000; of New Mexico, 175,000, and of Oklahoma, about 105,000, or 250,000 in all. The population of Texas is about 2,750,000, or more than ten times greater. The objections now interposed to the admission of either Arizona or New Mexico are equally strong in both political parties.

It is a fact that New Mexico and Arizona were originally one territory and included portions of the present states of Colorado and Nevada. Subsequently portions were cut off to make up the present states of Colorado and Nevada, and in 1863 the territory of Arizona was established, cut off from the remaining and larger part of New Mexico. The proposition is now made and is being seriously defended that preparatory to their admission into the union as states Arizona and New Mexico should be reunited and that Oklahoma should be joined with them and the three made into one state, with a land area of about the same size as Texas, but with a total population now only one-tenth as great. The new state would start under conditions which would give reasonable promise of a sufficient increase in the future to fulfill public requirements. The admission of the three into the union as one state would probably forestall much of the opposition to the admission of any of them separately and would eliminate at last the territories from the union.—N. Y. Sun.

The American Parlor.

Barrie, the novelist, took a dislike to the American parlor, and in the course of some remarks in Washington he said: "The idea of having the largest and best furnished room in the house reserved for infrequent callers, instead of allowing the children of the household to enjoy it, was never a pleasant one to me. It was once told by a bright boy that he seldom was allowed to enter the parlor of his home unless it was during a 'funeral ceremony or something like that.' This may have described the situation too strongly, but it was much nearer to the truth than otherwise."—Washington Post.

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Albany, Jan. 23.—The state railroad commission wil give a hearing on Thursday next, at 10 a. m., in this city, on an application of the city authorities of Amsterdam to compel the Amsterdam street railway to run its cars more frequently and make certain other reforms in its service.

Erie Canal Inspectors.

Albany, Jan. 23.—Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge has appointed the following inspectors of masonry in the middle division of the canal system: L. C. Dedrick and Robert Killan of Schenectady and John J. McNamara of Sing Sing.

Fourth-class Postmasters.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Connecticut—H. B. Stevens, Titicus. Pennsylvania—E. C. Kem, Kreidersville; J. J. Mosser, Mosserville.

Death of Herman R. Palmer.

Albany, Jan. 23.—Herman R. Palmer, 28 years old, son of Secretary of State Palmer, died last night, after a three days' illness, of diphtheria.

Special Raines Law Agent.

Albany, Jan. 23.—State Excise Commissioner Lyman has appointed Jacob M. Blatner of this city as a special agent under the Raines liquor law.

Charter Oak Life Insurance Company.

Hartford, Jan. 23.—Judge Hall in the superior court has issued an order winding up the affairs of the Charter Oak Life Insurance company.

Connecticut G. A. R. Appointment.

Hartford, Jan. 23.—W. E. Simonds has been appointed judge-advocate on the staff of Department Commander Cornish of the state G. A. R.

Sir Isaac Pitman Dead.

London, Jan. 23.—Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the system of stenography which bears his name, is dead.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Market prices fractionally lower. March, 89c.; May, 85½c.; July, 82¼c

Corn—Market steady; quiet. May, 30c.; July, 31½c.

Oats—Market steady; dull trading. May, 22¼c.

Eggs—Quiet; moderate demand. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 16@16½c.; ice house, 12@13c.; western, fresh, 15@15½c.; limed, 13; southern, 14½@

Pork—Market steady; trade active. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, $8.75@10.25; mess, $8.50@9.00; family, $9.50@10.00

Lard—Steady; moderate demand. Prime western, $4.23.

Butter—Old prices barely sustained. Creamery western extras, 20c.; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 14@19c.; creamery, western seconds, 16c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 13c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 10@15c.; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11@16c.; western factory, firsts to extras, 8½@11c.

Cheese—Market steady; old prices. Cream, large size, fall made, colored, 11½c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 3@7¼c.

Potatoes—Market quiet; prices easy. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, $1.25@$1.50; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, 50c.@$1.12.

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Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work

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Best after dinner pills.
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Weak Stomach Impaired Digestion Disordered Liver

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SUPREME Court County of Orange, N. Y.—Mary C. Selleck, plaintiff, against Isaac S. Little and Georgianna Little his wife; Fannie J. Smith, Harlan P. Little and Mary Little, his wife, Alfred M. Selleck and Mary Selleck, his wife, Sarah E. Selleck, George W. Selleck, Mary Jane Mills, Helen Augusta Bell and William Bell, her husband, Charles Mills and Mary Mills, his wife; Fannie J. Currie, Ethelbert Selleck and Hester A. Selleck, his wife, Isaac Selleck and Mary Selleck, his wife defendants

To the above named defendants and each of them:—You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial to be held in the county of Orange, N. Y.

Dated this ninth day of December, 1896,

GEO. H. DECKER, Plaintiff's Attorney, Office and postoffice address, 16 East Main street, Middletown, N. Y.

To Isaac S. Little, Georgianna Little, Fannie J. Smith, Harlan P. Little, Mary Little, Helen Augusta Bell, William Bell and Fannie J. Currie:—The foregoing summons is served upon you, by publication, pursuant to an order of Hon. M. H. Hirschberg, Justice of the Supreme Court, dated the 16th day of January, 1897 and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the county of Orange, N. Y., at Goshen, N. Y.

GEO. H. DECKER, Plaintiff's Attorney, Middletown, N. Y. dWed7tMch8

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A. E. NICKINSON, }

Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, the gold Democrats' candidate for Vice President, is already suffering qualms of conscience for his part in the election of McKinley. He said in a recent interview: "Major McKinley has practically abandoned the issue on which the election was won. I can see no indication of any purpose to advance the cause of sound money, and thereby enhance the stability of business. The trend of ideas seems to be in the direction of the so-called principles for which the party has for years contended—high protection and the various forms of paternalism which are part of the Republican scheme. It was this policy of the Republicans that created populism, and in its continued advocacy I cannot see anything but continued disaster."

It is announced that Lyman J. Gage, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, a gold Democrat, has been offered the Treasury portfolio in McKinley's cabinet. This seems like a stroke of political genius. Whoever is in charge of the Treasury during McKinley's administration will have a monkey and parrot time. He will have to contend with extravagant appropriations and an insufficient revenue, for the protectionists' scheme is to raise duties till they are prohibitive, and that, of course, means the loss of customs revenue. It is a foregone conclusion that McKinley's Secretary of the Treasury will make a mess of it, and it is a positive inspiration to give the place to a Democratic ally of the Republicans in the last campaign, so that when the time comes all the odium of failure can be heaped on the gold Democrats.

FOR THE MISSION CAUSE.

Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Second Presbyterian and St. Paul's M. E. Churches.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church met at Mrs. E. L. McCrea's, 59 Sprague avenue, Friday afternoon.

The devotional and after meeting was in charge of Mrs. Beattie. The Programme Committee, consisting of Mrs. Nelson W. Wood and Miss Emily Brush, took charge of the meeting, the topics being a General Summary and the New West.

"Women in Missions" was treated of very ably by Mrs. W. H. Hyde, showing the important place occupied by women in the work and the confidence placed in them by the general assembly and urging the women to be loyal to their pledged missionary work and to general association.

The opening of Africa was next talked of by Miss Nellie Wood. She spoke particularly of the dwarfs and mentioned the fact of Smith Dunning having given his life to the work.

"On Common Ground," by Mrs. Davis, showed where christian and heathen women meet, and the bond of sympathy between them.

Ten facts on Foreign Missions were then stated, all of which would be interesting. The writer cannot refrain from giving one. "On one occasion Fidelia Fisk, the beloved and faithful missionary to Persia, had the joy of sitting down to the communion table with ninety-two persons whom she had been the means of bringing to Christ. Where is there such an opportunity for service at home?"

Prayer was then offered for foreign mission work and missionaries, and especially for Mr. Dunning, that his life may be precious in God's sight and the willing service be accepted.

An exhaustive paper on "The New West" was read by Mrs. Leander C. Purdy. The writer can give no facts concerning it, but asks that as many who love their country and who are interested in its religious growth will read "The Evangelization of the Great West," by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., published by the Board of Home Missions.

Miss Schoonmaker rendered a very beautiful piano solo and Mrs J. W. Crans read a very touching story of frontier life and the great need of ministers to bring comfort and cheer to these homes and to bury their dead.

A prayer was offered for the home missionaries and their work. The meeting closed with singing the band hymn, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus."

This afternoon Mrs. Beattie entertained the officers, collectors and chairmen of the missionary society at the parsonage.

LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church met with Mrs. William Budd, yesterday afternoon, at her home on Academy avenue. Notwithstanding the storm a goodly number of ladies was present.

The usual business of the society was transacted, after which the following interesting programme was rendered:

Solo—Little Boy Blue.
Mrs. Iseman.
Reading—Child Life in China.
Mrs. Taylor.
Solo—The Sweetest Story Ever Told
Miss Parsells.
Reading—A Woman's Story.
Miss Benton.
Solo—Oh, Heart Heavy Laden.
Miss Parsells.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies who had so acceptably entertained the society.

After the serving of refreshments and a pleasant social hour the meeting adjourned.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

PRESIDENT GOES DUCK HUNTING

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—President Cleveland left town quietly, last night, on the light house tender Maple, for a days' duck shooting on the Potomac, near Quantico, Va.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN ENGLAND.

BY UNITED PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Heavy snows prevail throughout England and Scotland. In some localities the snow is deep and there has been much loss of farm stock.

A STRANDED STEAMER FLOATED.

By United Press.

TUCKERTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—The steamer Badsworth, from Pernambuco, which stranded here, has been floated.

SUDDEN DEATH AT CENTRAL VALLEY

A Colored Man Celebrates the Birth of a Child to His White Wife and Dies of of Tremens.

Charles Stevens, a well known character at Central Valley, died, this morning, of delirium tremens. He was a colored man, fifty-one years old, and a painter by trade. He had a white wife and about ten days ago a child was born to them and Stevens was so overjoyed that he celebrated by getting drunk and continued his debauch until he was attacked with delirium tremens.

Whiskey failing to produce the desired degree of stimulation, or, being unable to procure that liquor, he last night drank a quantity of benzine and also some wood alcohol and would have drank a can of varnish had his wife not prevented him from doing so.

This morning he started to walk across the floor and fell and died in a few minutes.

Dr. Sprague, who was called, said alcoholism was the cause of death and Coroner Decker issued a certificate of death from that cause.

EXCELSIOR'S OLD GUARD ENTERTAINED.

A Peasant Reunion of Firemen at the Residence of H. K. Wilcox.

The "Old Guard" of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, as the survivors who hauled the truck thirty years ago are called, were the guests, last night, of H. K. Wilcox, at his residence on Grove street.

Mr. Wilcox joined the company in 1868, and was able to gather at his hospitable home eleven persons who were members then.

An elegant banquet was served, and the evening was very pleasantly spent in exchanging reminiscences of the days when they "ran with the machine," and listening to stories of Middletown and its firemen thirty years ago.

Mrs. Wilcox entertained the company with vocal and instrumental music and some of the guests contributed somewhat to the evening's entertainment. "Boggy," as one of those present is affectionately called by the old guard, sang "The Little Brown Jug" in a way that would earn him fame on the stage. The wit of the old guard, Barney Gordon, sang "The Irish Wake" and the "Great Pie Eater" who earned his pet name by honest effort recited "I'll Bet My Money On It."

It was a jolly party and last night's reunion will long remain a pleasant memory with the old guard.

SOCIABLE AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by the Daughters of Pocahontas, I. O. R. M.

The Daughters of Pocahontas held a sociable and hop at Nearing Hall, last evening. The hall was crowded to the doors.

Miss Lillian Kuhlman presented the council two beautiful hand painted plates, her own work, which were disposed of by chance. Number 20, held by Past Sachem Miller, of Paughcaughnaughsinque Tribe, was the winner.

The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and other social pleasures.

This was the most successful event in the council's history, and the ladies who had the matter in charge are naturally well pleased. They were Mrs. Elmer E. Hunt, Miss Lillian Kuhlman, Miss Mary Faust, Mrs. T. S. Pierce and Mrs. Wm. Morton.

A VERY COLD BATH.

A Skater's Plunge Into the Waters of the Mill Pond.

Yesterday afternoon a young man, who was skating on the mill pond, ventured on a spot, where ice had been cut, and suddenly found himself standing upon the bottom with the water up to his shoulders.

The only other person in sight was Officer White, who was catching bait fish some distance away. The young man managed to get out on sound ice before Mr. White reached him. He lost no time in getting to his home and ridding himself of his wet clothing.

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

Financial Report for the Year Ended Dec. 31st, 1896—A Most Excellent Showing.

The financial report of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, which will be read, to-morrow, by Father McClancy, is most satisfactory and gratifying, for it shows that all the expenses of the church and its parochial school have been paid and that a large payment has been made on the debt. The report is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Pews and seats	$3,255 75
Plate collections	807 63
Cemetery	281 15
Sheds	50 00
Candlemas	63 17
New Seminary	370 00
Lecture by Rev. James E. Goggin	154 50
Collection July 5	383 25
Maintenance of Seminary	150 00
Festival	623 00
Collection for coal	205 90
Rector's donation for improvements	500 00
Sundries	248 00
Balance	55 81
Total	$7,148 16

EXPENDITURES

Balance	$ 118 78
Interest	853 50
Rector's salary	800 00
Assistant's salary	500 00
Choir	257 00
Taxes, insurance and printing	178 20
Labor, cleaning church, etc.	197 00
Coal and gas	318 89
Carpenter work repairs, etc.	68 19
Altar and vestry	180 96
John Lunny	240 00
Stolzenberg Co., balance on improvements	458 32
Note for improvements	600 00
Martin & Co. bills	125 00
Hardware	182 63
New Seminary	370 00
Cathedraticum	60 00
Holy Father	60 00
Seminary maintenance	150 00
Missions, etc.	43 00
School salaries	1,200 00
Books printing, etc.	129 55
Sundries	157 14
Total	$7,148 16
Debt Jan. 21st, 1897	$16,650 00
Debt paid during 1896	1,121 29
Insurance on buildings, etc.	47,500 00

JOHN P. MCCLANCY, Rector.
PATRICK DOUGHERTY, WILLIAM BURKE, } Trustees.

OBITUARY.

William B. Dusenberry.

William B. Dusenberry, a well known citizen of the town of Wallkill, died, last night, at his home near Stony Ford, aged sixty-three years. A more extended obituary will be published, Monday.

The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

Mrs. Ellen Priest.

Mrs. Ellen Priest, widow of the late Francis Priest, died in this city, this morning, aged 75 years. She was born in county Sligo, Ireland, and came to this country thirty-five years ago.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Andrew Haley, Mrs. Mary Bradley and John Priest, all of this city. Her husband died twenty years ago.

Funeral from her late residence, Monday, at 10 o'clock, and from St. Joseph's Church at 10:30.

Mrs. Mary R. Capron.

Mrs. Mary R. Capron, widow of the late Rev. Alex Capron, formerly rector of Grace Church, this city, died, yesterday, at the home of her daughter in Jersey City, aged seventy-three years.

The body will be brought to this city for interment, and the funeral will be held at Grace Church at 1:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Cyrus Capron, of Bloomfield, N. J., a son of the deceased, was in town to day, and arranged for the funeral and burial.

Will Engage in Business Here.

We understand that Dr. Frank I. Winant, of Ellenville, formerly of this city, will conduct a grocery business in the store formerly occupied by J. B. Leemon & Son, on North street. Dr. Winant's friends will be pleased to see him become a resident of this city again.

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The fine farm known as the Sinclair place near Bloomingburgh, in Orange county, on the Newburgh turnpike. The farm contains about 225 acres, 70 acres of which are planted with 11,000 peach trees just coming in full bearing, and nearly $2,000 netted from the crop last year. The farm is in good state of cultivation and will keep fifty cows. Good outbuildings and house contains thirteen rooms. A complete stock of farm implements in good condition will be sold with the farm. This farm has fine water, is well situated, fine view on the Shawangunk Mountains and location an exceptionally healthy one. Will be sold at a bargain.

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DAILY ARGUS.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 1897.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Generally fair and colder, to-night; Sunday, fair, but increasing cloudiness, northwesterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., **26°**; 12 m., **30°**; 3 p. m., **30°**.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Good syringes 45c at J. J. Chambers'.
—Claims against estate of Chas. S. Borland.
—Hot water bottles 50c at J. J. Chambers'.
—Money to loan by J. F. Bradner.
—See adv. Middletown Business College.
—Clearance sale of shoes at Chas. D. Hanford's.
—Syringes 25 cents at W. D. Olney's.
—House and lot for sale by John W. Gardner.
—Pork 8 cents at E. G Medrick's.
—Valentines at Hanford & Horton's.
—Sale on trunks at Matthews & Co.'s.
—New line of dress goods at J. D. Horton's.
—Trimmed hats cheap at Frank Crawford's.
—Cocker spaniel pup lost.
—Stamped linen goods at Frank Crawford's.
—See Middletown Savings Bank report.
—Salesmen wanted at good salary.
—Dr. Kennedy's remedies are for sale by all druggists.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Gorton's Minstrels, to-night.

—Three hundred bob veals are shipped from Stamford every week.

—Revival service at the First Baptist Church, this (Saturday) evening at 7.30. Come.

—The fire police will hold their annual meeting in Excelsior's parlors, Monday evening.

—Seventy conversions are reported as a result of revival meetings in the Walton M. E. Church.

—Remember the Gortons give a fine instrumental concert in front of the Casino, to-night.

—By all means go to the Casino to-night and witness the performance of Gorton's Minstrels.

—For the first time since its organization, seven years ago, the Walton Y. M. C. A. is out of debt.

—The Monroe Building and Loan Association loaned $8,200, Tuesday, at a premium of three per cent.

—Gorton's Minstrels are one of the best troupes traveling. "Quality and not quantity" is their motto.

—Miss Margaret Fuller in Dumas' masterpiece, "The Princess of Bagdad," at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—Mr. Lea has placed the admission very low for Gorton's Minstrels, as he believes in cheap prices of admission.

—Gorton's Minstrels, who travel in their own private parlor and sleeping car, arrived on Erie train 21, to-day.

—The Chenango county Grand Jury, after a ten days' session in which it found twenty-one indictments, was discharged, Thursday.

—The Stowell sled factory is to be moved from Oxford to Norwich, and will occupy the premises formerly used by the Norwich Furniture Co.

—The lawyers of this Judicial District have raised $1,000 to pay for a portrait of Judge Dykman to hang in the court house at White Plains.

—All arrangements for the social and dance of Phœnix Engine Company have been completed. It will take place Tuesday evening of next week.

—William Allen, Jr., a grinder in the New York Knife Co.'s works at Walden, was injured, Thursday afternoon, by the bursting of the grindstone at which he working.

—The West Point Military Band found its western concert tour unprofitable and went no further than Detroit, where it canceled all engagements and returned to the Point.

—Miss Margaret Fuller, the Hebe of the American stage, will produce "The Princess of Bagdad" at the Casino, next Monday evening. The dramatic papers say of Miss Fuller's ability that it is unexcelled.

—On the evening of Feb. 2d the officers of Waalkill Engine Co. will give a banquet to the company at the engine house. Every member is expected to be present and get away with his share of the good things.

PERSONAL.

—Walter J. Startup went to New York, this morning, to spend Sunday with friends.

—Robert J. Leemon has been appointed to a position in the Erie Railroad Company's New York office.

—Ingham Stubley, clerk of the Board of Supervisors, is confined to his home in Newburgh by an attack of the grip.

—Miss Abbie Willets left Monticello, on Tuesday, for Middletown, where she will spend several days with friends—*Watchman.*

—Mrs. Charles J. Carter, of 7 Mills avenue, has been confined to her bed since Saturday last with a severe attack of the grip.

—Mrs. Thos. R. Hart, of Passaic, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Little, returned home, this morning.

—Mrs. Caroline Startup, who was so seriously ill that her children were summoned to her bedside because her death was expected, is very much improved and it is now believed will again be able to be about the house.

Face Was Broken Out.

PINE ISLAND, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1896.—"I was taken with sick headache and my face broke out with pimples until it was a complete mass of sores. Two months ago I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and I am now taking the third bottle and have not had a headache since, and my face is entirely free from pimples."—THOS. J. HAMETY.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

REV. DR. SILLIMAN INDICTED.

A Bill Found Against Him for Defying Red Hook's Health Board.

Dutchess County's Grand Jurry has indicted the Rev. George D. Silliman, rector of Grace Church in Albany and formerly rector of Grace Church, this city, for wilful violation of the health laws, because he removed his sick son from St. Stephen's College in defiance of the quarantine established by the local health officer, Dr. H. L. Cookingham, of Red Hook.

William Silliman, the son, on December 5 was stricken with what the local physicans said was diphtheria. Health Officer Cookingham closed the college, isolated young Silliman and quarantined his rooms. The quaranine was maintained for a week, when Dr. Silliman came down from Albany and took his son home. He first asked permission to remove him, which was refused.

Dr. Silliman's defense is that the boy did not have diphtheria and in this contention he claims that he is sustained by the State and Albany Boards of Health.

SERVICES AT STATE HOSPITAL.

Ministers Will Officiate in Regular Order Hereafter.

The State Hospital authorities have notified the ministers who officiate at the Sunday afternoon services at the chapel at that institution that hereafter they will be expected to officiate in regular order. Rev. Mr. Evans will conduct the services, to-morrow, and will be accompanied by a quartette composed of Mrs. H. L. Wickham, Mrs. Olney, Z. K. Greene and Edward Mills and by H. L. Wickham as organist.

The order in which the other ministers will officiate is as follows: Rev. Mr. Norris, Rev. Mr. Heath, Rev. Dr. Beattie, Rev. Dr. Robinson, Rev. Dr. Wilson.

In the event of a minister being unable to officiate in his turn, the others will follow in their regular order until his turn comes around again.

ERIE CONDUCTORS IN HARD LUCK

William Luckey Badly Burned—Peter Duffy's Hand Crushed.

William Luckey, of Port Jervis, a conductor on the Erie's New York Division, was badly burned at West Paterson, Friday morning. His train broke in two and when the parts came together the shock upset the stove in the caboose and threw Mr. Luckey to the floor in the midst of the live coals. His hands and arms and right cheek were badly burned.

Conductor Pete Duffy, of Honesdale, while coupling cars in the Port Jervis yard, Friday evening, had his left hand caught between the drawheads. The third and little fingers were crushed completely off and the hand so badly lacerated that it was necessary to amputate part of it.

Not so Wicked as Middletown.

Newburgh is apparently not so wicked as Middletown. At all events the clergymen of that city are battling with no such gigantic evils as engage the attention of their Middletown brethren, but are engaged in a crusade against the very minor iniquity of Sunday mail collections. Petitions for their discontinuance are being circulated and are receiving many signatures.

The Erie's Summer Home Book.

Blank applications for space in the Erie's Summer Home Book for 1897 may be obtained from Erie Railroad station agents. Hotel and boarding house keepers who wish representation therein (without charge) should give the matter immediate attention, as no applications will be accepted after Feb. 15th. 2tw

Serious Effects of a Cat's Bite.

Mrs. E. G. Fuller, of Ellenville, is just recovering from a serious illness caused by the bite of a cat. The animal had been in the family for four years, and had never shown any viciousness till it turned one day and bit Mrs. Fuller on the hand, hanging on till cuffed loose.

Donation to Rev. J. H. Nichols.

When Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Nichols, of the Bethel Church, returned from Goshen, Thursday evening, they found their house in possession of members of Gen. Lyon Post Relief Corps, who, with members of the Post, had brought them a substantial donation, which was very acceptable.

The Erie's Depot Dormer Windows.

The sash and glass for the dormer windows of the new Erie depot arrived, this morning. The windows are of colored glass and as the specifications call for an electric light just inside of each of them, the depot will present a brilliant effect at night.

Little Left For Creditors.

U. E. Terwilleger, assignee, has sold the stock and fixtures of the Munson drug store in Ellenville. The liabilities are about $5,500, and he expects to pay about five cents on the dollar.

Turf and Horse Notes.

—A valuable colt belonging to Samuel Wilkin, of Chester, died suddenly, a few days ago, from intestinal troubles. This is the second valuable colt Mr. Wilkin has lost within a year.

Recorder's Court.

—A plain drunk paid $3, this morning, for a night's lodging and police protection.

—Luvei Eletrate, an Italian shoemaker, arrested by J. R. Skelton on a charge of stealing coal from the O. and W., was found guilty and fined $5.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
The famous little pills

INJURED BY A FALL.

Slipped on a Icy Sidewalk on Academy Avenue.

C. T. Tegeler, of Calkins, Wayne County, a merchant, and incidentally a dealer in cattle who has been having head-quarters at ex-Sheriff Johnson's near this city, arrived in town on Erie train 2, last evening, and started to walk to Mr. Johnson's.

On Academy avenue near Fulton street he slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk and was unable to get up. He called for help and a man who was on the oppisite side of the street looked at him, then deliberately pulled a blanket from his horse and drove away, leaving Mr. Tegeler to get along as best he could. Two boys then came along and tried to help him to rise but were unable to do so but summoned help and George Sharpe, of Fulton street, took Mr. Tegeler to Mr. Johnson's house.

A physician who was summoned found the ligaments of one leg broken below the knee and he will doubtless be laid up for some time.

Mr. Tegeler was advised by persons who came to his assistance to sue the city, that being the fust idea that occurs to some people in case of an accident.

THE NEW FIRE LIMITS.

The Changes Which the Proposed Ordinance Will Make.

The proposed extension of the fire limits, is of interest to many people.

It means the extension of the old limits two hundred feet in some places and much more in others—especially on North street. It brings within the limits several residence localities, and, if enforced, would compel people to build brick houses who are unable to do so, or prevent them from building at all.

Among its absurd features is that it would compel owners of property on one side of certain streets to build of brick and those on the opposite side might erect wooden buildings. It should be very carefully considered, as Mr. Hirst advised, before it is adopted.

For a Woman's Sake

Thomas J. Brown, who has relatives at Turners, and who, ten years ago, held a responsible position under his cousin, Supt. McGuire, of the Erie, committed suicide, three weeks ago, in Kansas City. He went west a number of years ago, and entered the U. S. Signal Service. While stationed at Tombstone, Arizona, his wife eloped with an army officer. He followed them to many places, and when at last he found his wife in a disorderly house in Kansas City, he killed himself. His wife identified the body.

Passed the State Civil Service Examinations.

Philip G. Roosa has received official notice that he successfully passed a civil service examination and that his name has been placed upon the eligible list for a State clerkship. The examination was held Nov. 18, and 188 persons took the examination in various parts of the State. Of this number 115 were successful. Mr. Roosa was examined at the State Hospital in this city.

Erie's Small Engines to Be Rebuilt.

The Erie Company has arranged to rebuild its small passenger engines and increase their size and efficiency by substituting larger boilers. The work is to be done by the Cooke Locomotive Works, and has already been commenced. These engines will be used on the fast passenger trains when completed, and will be capable of doing better work than the present class "O" engines.

The Savings Bank's Statement.

The annual statement of the Middletown Savings Bank, which is published elsewhere, is a most excellent one, for it shows that that most prudently managed institution is growing stronger with each succeeding year, and gaining a stronger hold on the confidence of the public.

Attempted Suicide.

Garrett VanDervort, of Warwick, weary of life's burdens and cares, took a dose of "rough on rats," Tuesday. His life was saved by Dr. Bradner and a stomach pump.

Union Prayer Meeting, to be Continued

The union meetings will be continued next week in St. Paul's M. E. Church. They will be held every evening except Saturday.

Piles Cured in 3 to 6 Nights.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure all cases of Itching Piles in from 3 to 6 nights. One application brings comfort. For Blind and Bleeding Piles it is peerless. Also cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Eczema, Barber's Itch and all eruptions of the skin. 35 cents.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

The Reservoir Commission—Fair Auction Prices—At the Armory Hop—Moved to Goshen—The O'Connor Estate Settled—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The Goshen Reservoir Commission met, yesterday, and heard the closing testimony in the Moses Hawkins claim. An adjournment was taken until Feb. 2d, when the attorneys will sum up the case.

—At the auction sale of John R. Case's farm property, Thursday, thirty-five cows averaged $36 each, and hay in the barn brought $12.50 per ton.

—Several Goshen people attended the hop of the 24th Separate Co. at the armory, last night.

—Tickets for the "Drummer Boy" can be obtained at Power & Co.'s.

—Conductor Connelly, of the Montgomery Branch train, has removed his family from Pine Island to Goshen.

—Executor T. L. Knilfin has completed the work of settling up the estate of the late James O'Connor, and the sole management of the property has been turned over to James O'Connor, Jr.

—Harrison W. Nanny, of this village, is organizing a chapter of Sons of the Revolution.

O. AND W. BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Thanks for All Who Helped to Make the Recent Fair a Success.

The committee appointed to organize the recent fair in the Assembly Rooms presented their final report at the last monthly meeting of the Association. I was instructed to thank, through the medium of the Middletown newspapers, the merchants of this city for their valuable donations, those who took part in the evening entertainments, and all others who in any way helped to make the fair such a decided success. The thanks of the Association are also extended to the newspapers for their daily interesting reports during the continuance of the fair.

JAMES J. BROWNING, Sec.

Armory Flag Pole Blown Down.

The high wind this forenoon blew down the flag pole at the armory. Fortunately the pole lodged on the roof and passersby were not endangered.

The pole struck the roof near the peak of the drill hall, making a large hole and knocking a number of slate from the roof. The staff was broken in two pieces and the large ball which ornamented the top, rolled from the roof to John street and down the hill to within a few feet of Sayer's livery stable.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

Petitions are in circulation asking for the signatures of those who are opposed to Sunday liquor selling, and also that a law may be enacted whereby it will be a misdemeanor to give intoxicating liquors to another. It is earnestly hoped that every christian man and woman at least will sign these papers, which will then be forwarded to our Senator and Assemblyman.

Good Enough to Repeat.

The people were so delighted with the animotoscope at Williamsport, Pa., last Saturday, that it was repeated at the reduced price of 25c and 35c, Monday evening. This is all that is asked at the Second Presbyterian Church, Feb. 2d, with a reserved seat for the asking at Hanford & Horton's. Chart opens next Tuesday. Under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. and S. S.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

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EAGLE'S BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Some Good and Some Poor Scores Made Last Night.

The scores at Eagle's bowling tournament, last night, were as follows:

E. Martini	178	98	90	94	163—570
C. Elwood	106	138	121	167	184—716
L. Wengenroth	129	127	172	153	165—746
A. Zanelli	146	146	146	141	160—729
G. Hoffman	117	152	148	152	144—713
R. Wood	102	77	74	78	101—432
E. Jakely	141	128	90	112	159—630
R. Wood	164	107	98	119	126—554

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Buy "Swansdown" for dressing sacques and wrappers. We have it at 12½c a yard.

Ladies' Dark Outing Cloth and Cambric Wrappers at 98 Cents and $1 39 Each.

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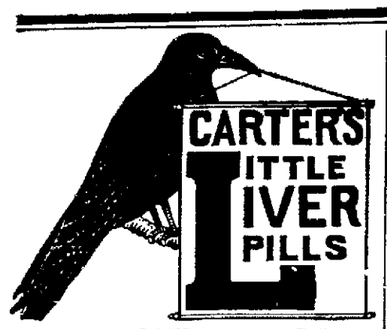

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ROYCE'S COAL YARD.

IN pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the County of Orange notice is hereby given according to law to all persons having claims against the estate of William H. Woodruff, late of the town of Crawford, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the administratrix and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at the residence of the administratrix, Antionette A. Woodruff, in the town of Crawford, aforesaid, their place of transacting business of said estate on or before the 10th day of June, 1897.
Dated December 10th, 1896.
ANTOINETTE A. WOODRUFF, administratrix, RICHARD A. WOODRUFF, administrator.
JOHN C. R. TAYLOR, attorney for administrators, Rooms 5 and 6 Low Building, Middletown, N. Y. d7Thur.to Jun17

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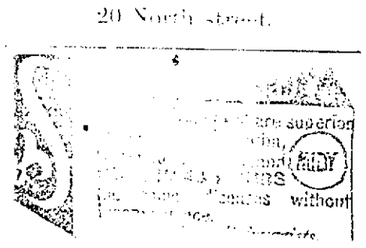

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That is found in the whole of the day,
When Larry and Gus and the others of us
Come in from our study or play;
When we push the big chair to the hearth over there,
And pile the wood higher and higher,
And we make her a space in the very best place—
And mother sits down by the fire.

There's a great deal to say at the close of the day,
And so much to talk over with mother;
There's a comical sight or a horrible plight,
Or a ball game, or something or other;
And she'll laugh with Larry, and sigh with Harry,
And smile to our heart's desire
At a triumph won or a task well done—
When sitting down there by the fire.

Then little she'll care for the clothes that we tear,
Or the havoc we make on her larder;
For the toil and the strife of our every-day life
She will love us a little bit harder;
Then 'our lady she is, and her knights we would be,
And her trust doughty deeds will inspire;
For we long then anew to be generous and true—
When mother sits down by the fire.
—Martha Burr Banks, in N. Y. Independent.

THEY ABDUCTED THE BAND.

And Spoiled the Dance Given by the Rival Set.

The returned Cow Puncher set down his cup of black coffee after he had taken the first sip, and pursed up his mouth into an expression of scorn.

"Slop," he said, briefly.

The Poet made a gesture of protest.

"Oh, I dare say it's strong enough for you!" said the Cow Puncher.

"What?"

"The coffee."

"It was your expression to which I objected."

"When I said the stuff was—"

"Spare us a repetition!" interrupted the Poet.

"Well, I suppose my imagery is rather too epic for you. So would the coffee be that I had in mind—I wish I had it in this cup as well!—when I spoke. U-m-m!" And the Cow Puncher closed his eyes with the look of a satisfied epicure. "They call this stuff 'black' coffee," he went on, rousing himself. "About black enough for the second or third year of widowhood, I should say. You ought to taste the coffee we used to have down in Texas! It was so strong that it ate the enamel off the cups."

"That's some more of your epic imagery," laughed the Boys' Own Story Writer.

"Pretty strong coffee, evidently," remarked the Poet, "but it doesn't seem to have been able to affect brass."

The Cow Puncher carelessly knocked the ashes from the end of his cigarette and regarded the Poet out of the tail of his eye, but "Texas is a great state" was all that he said.

"It was two years ago," he resumed, after a pause, "that we gave our famous dance, upon which glorious occasion we everlastingly scooped the rival cowboys at the other end of the town."

"I thought you lived on a ranch," interposed the Poet, with deep suspicion.

"Did you think I spent three years out there and saw only one view? But then you don't understand the lives of men of action, I suppose, and I mustn't be too hard on you."

"About that dance?" asked the Boys' Own.

"Ah, that was a great event!" exclaimed the Cow Puncher, lighting a fresh cigarette. "You see, the idea originated with our end of the town, and naturally we felt that we had a right to it. Anybody would have felt so. Anybody, that is, except our deadly rivals. No sooner had the news of our scheme got out than they began to lay their plans for a howdy-do, and on the same night as ours, mind you!"

"What difference did that make?" growled the Poet.

"Well, it made just this difference: There wasn't room in that town for two balls, and everybody knew it. It lay between us to get the crowd. We couldn't both get it, and neither of us could get half a crowd. Things don't go that way out there. Everybody goes to the place that puts up the best show and the other one doesn't have a corporal's guard. We knew this, so we had taken care to engage the only music in the town before we let a word of our plans get out. This music consisted of a fiddle (cracked) played by a fiddler (who was also cracked), seconded by a wheezy melodeon which had a way of going off into a fit of gasps when you were most depending on it.

"It was a great thing for us to have secured the music, because that, we knew, would prove a terrible handicap to our rivals. They wouldn't be able to put up anything better than one of their own men who played the mouth organ, and didn't amount to much even at that, inasmuch as he had only one lung. We felt pretty jubilant, I tell you; and the other fellows looked correspondingly blue. But that didn't last long. One day we heard a startling rumor. We could scarcely believe our senses, but ample proof was soon furnished us that the dreadful tale was true. Our rivals had hired a Mexican band from a town about 50 miles away!

"That settled our cake! We held a consultation at once and canvassed the possibilities, but we had to admit that they were as good as hopeless. We immediately enlarged the scope of the supper we had promised. Of course there was to have been black coffee—that was what reminded me of the dance—and whisky and various other things, and we promptly sent out an emissary to spread the news in the town that our eating programme had been doubled. All the time, though, we knew it was a forlorn hope.

"You see, it was this way: The feminine element of our community was limited. Partners were at a premium, even if every woman in the place turned out, and where the women went, there you could be dead sure the men would go, too. Well, the women wouldn't hesitate a minute if it came to a choice between a little better supper and a good deal better music. We knew that, and we felt as if we might as well lay our hands down and give up the game. There was a fellow there from Kentucky, though, and the day after the announcement of the imported band came out he strolled in at supper time and threw his hat into the ring with one of his most effective cross-country salutes. We received the compliments of the evening and he sat down at the table.

"'How's the party comin' on?' he asked.

"We groaned.

"'Ah,' he said, 'you all ain't got moh'n nowise ingenuity to subconvent a man? If one o' you gentlemen 'll be good enough as to place himself undah my instructions I give yo' my honah that we'll have the only ball in this heah town!'

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In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of said County Court to be hereunto affixed. Witness Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, this thirty-first day of December, 1896.

[L. S.] W. G. TAGGART, Clerk.
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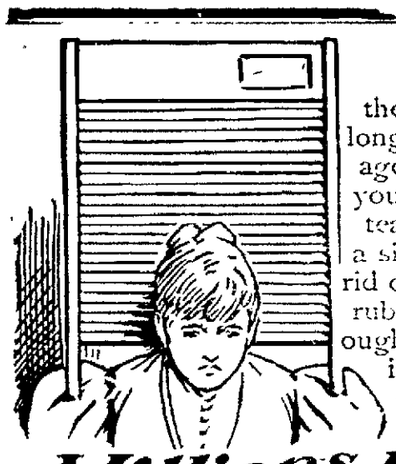

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28 Del. Val. Ex. (M.F.G.)	10.48 "	
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30 Way, T. M. F. G	4.11 "	...4.13
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex	5.07 "	
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*606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. F. and G. T	8 23 a. m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only)	6.19 p. m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	7.00 p. m.	

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17 Milk	7.00 a.m.	
* 21 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.32 a.m
1 Day Express	P10 56 "	
9 Del. Val Exp. ess	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp	3 40 "	.... 3.37 "
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"Exactly. And I took occasion then and there to impress upon their youthful minds how much in this life depends on having a good pull."—Washington Star.

Only Two.

"There have been a number of political parties developed of late years," remarked the young man.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "a great many unfamiliar names for organizations have been brought to attention. But after all, there are only two great political parties."

"You mean the democrats and the republicans?"

"No, sir. I mean the office-seekers and the office-holders." — Washington Star.

Preparing Himself to Produce.

Mrs. Wallace—I do believe that a woman could wear her dresses almost to rags before her husband would notice it.

Mrs. Ferry—That is not the case with Mr. Ferry. He notices the dinginess of my clothes before I do. I can tell when I'm getting shabby by his beginning to talk about how scarce money is, and how necessary it will be for us to economize.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Difficult, But Remunerative.

"Well, my son, now that you have been admitted to the bar I hope you will select a specialty. This is the age of specialization of talents, and a general practice rarely leads to the top of the ladder."

"Oh. I've chosen my line already, father."

"What is it?"

"Alibis and expert perjury."—Chicago Journal.

Mixed Up on Alimony.

"You are granted a total divorce," said the judge to the woman, "and you shall have alimony."

"That's all right, jedge," said the ex-husband, "an' suits me ter a 't,' but I want ter say it this here presence that ef Alimony knowed her as well as I does, he'd never take her, nor any of her family."—Atlanta Constitution.

Put His Foot in It.

Bixby (very near-sighted) — Who's that dumpy fright coming up the road on the wheel?

Stinchcomb—That's my wife.

Bixby—No, I don't mean that one. I mean the grand guy with the Bologna bloomers.

Stinchcomb—That's your wife.—Tit-Bits.

Paving the Path of Peace.

"Oh, would you mind doing me a favor?"

"With pleasure. What is it?"

"Kindly remove that costly mantle out of your window."

"Why, pray?"

"I shall be passing your shop with my wife in half an hour."—N. Y. Tribune.

Her Preference.

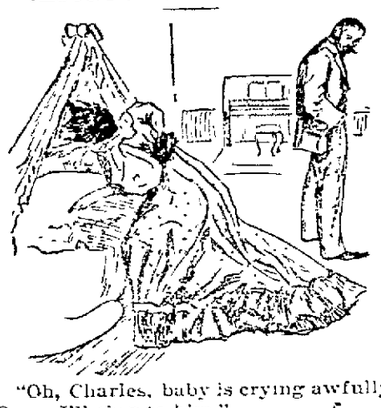
"Perhaps the little girl would like a talking doll," suggested the salesman at the toy store.

"I think I would," said the little Boston girl, speaking for herself, "if you have any that can talk intelligently. I could not endure one that giggles."—Chicago Tribune.

Pitiful.

It is hard for a singer to know
That no longer a voice she's got;
It is harder for hearers, though
When she's lost it, and knows it not.
—Bay City Chat.

CHOOSING THE LESSER EVIL.



"Oh, Charles, baby is crying awfully. Guess I'll sing to him."

The Brute—Let him cry.—Fliegende Blaetter.

An Impression.

'Tis now the young folks home from school
Surprise their parents thrifty,
By knowing more at seventeen
Than their father does at fifty.
—Washington Star.

The Life Line.

First Passenger—Oh, yes; I know those southern railroads very well. I've been riding on this line all my life.

Second Passenger—That so? You must have got on a little sooner than I did.—N. Y. Truth.

Not Nature.

He—Nature abhors a vacuum.

She—Yes; but nature probably never sat up all night, hoping, every time she yawned, that he would take the hint.

Then he grabbed his hat and went.—Cleveland Leader.

How the Fuss Started.

River—I see by a fashion item in this paper that shirt bosoms are to be made shorter.

Brooks—That's a good thing. I have often thought you wore your shirt bosoms too long.—Chicago Tribune.

After the Repast.

First Cannibal—I wonder what was the rank of that clergyman?

Second Ditto (smacking his lips)—I don't know, but I should say he was a prime minister.—N. Y. Tribune.

WHEATLET

IS BETTER THAN BEEF,

More nutritious and less heating. Try It.

Sold in 2-lb. packages by all leading Grocers.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., lyre shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Honston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Runs before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

A Short Cut to Health

To try to cure constipation by taking pills is like going round in a circle. You will never reach the point sought., but only get back to the starting points. A perfect natural laxative is Bacon's Celery King, the celebrated remedy for all nerve, blood, stomach, liver and kidney diseases. It regulates the bowels. J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, will give you a sample package free. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. W. D. Onley.

For over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup" eod&w

LOST—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. W. D. Onley.

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Soothing for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. W. D. Onley.

Give It a Trial.

On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50c.

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Champion Shot of the World.

Miss Annie Oakley writes: "Myself and many of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Co. have given Allen's Foot-Ease, the powder to shake into the shoes, a most thorough trial, and can honestly say that it does all it not more than you claim." It instantly takes the sting out of Corns and Bunions. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for swollen, smarting, aching, blistered or sweating feet. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 20th, 1896.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 *	1 * On't Day Exp			7 Sull'v'n Co. Exp	9 * Chicago Limit	
	Mlk	A M		M	P	M P	M
N. Y. Leave	A	7 40	....		3 00	4 15	....
Franklin St	3 20	7 40	....		3 15	4 30	....
W. 42d St.,	3 30	7 55	....		3 30	4 45	....
Weehawken	4 07	8 10	....		3 30	4 45	....
Cornwall	6 10	9 45	....		5 03	6 01	....
W Cornwall	6 22	9 53	....		5 08	....	....
Orr's Mills	6 25	9 55	....		5 10	....	....
Little Brit'n	6 40	10 05	....		5 23	....	....
Burnside	6 50	10 16	....		5 34	....	....
Campb'll H	7 07	10 32	....		5 40	6 30	....
Stony Ford	7 15	10 27	....		5 44	....	....
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 43	....		6 58	....	....
M'town ar	7 40	10 45	....		6 00	6 46	....
M'town lv	8 45	*10 55	....		*6 10	*6 56	....
Winterton	9 10	11 09	....		6 25	....	....
Bloom'gb'gh	9 21	11 15	....		6 30	....	....
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19	....		6 34	....	....
Summitville	9 38	11 30	....		6 45	....	....
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50	....		7 05	....	....
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05	....		7 20	....	....
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12	....		7 27	....	....
Liberty Falls	11 15	n12 22	....		7 38	....	....
Liberty	11 30	12 29	....		7 44	8 07	....
Parksville	11 45	12 43	....		7 55	....	....
Lv'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 53	....		8 08	8 30	....
Rockland	12 17	1 08	....		8 20	....	13
Hancock Jct	1 30	2 00	....		27	9 19	A M
Walton	2 15	2 45	....		12 45	9 58	8 05
Sidny Cent'r	....	3 18	....		2 10	....	8 38
Sidney	....	3 41	....	41	3 10	10 35	9 02
N'rwich ar	....	4 23	A	M	5 30	11 18	9 57
N'rwich lv	....	4 33	7	33	P M	11 33	10 03
Oneid' Cast'l	....	6 00	9	10	....	01 35	A M
Oneida ar	....	6 10	9	15	....	12 40	....
Oneida lv	....	6 15	....		....	....	....
Fulton	....	7 57	....		....	2 00	....
Oswego ar	....	8 20	....		....	2 30	....
	P	M P	M A	M		A	M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 *	14 Del-hi Ex	20 Local	2 Day Exp	
	P M	P M	....	P M	A M	....
Oswego lv	12 35	....	....	....	6 45	....
Oneida ar	....	....	....	12 20	8 36	....
Oneida lv	2 11	....	....	12 25	8 53	....
Oneid' Cast'l	....	....	P	M 12 35	8 53	....
Norwich ar	3 24	....	7 36	3 30	10 37	....
Norwich lv	3 29	....	7 41	P M 10	42	....
Sidney	4 20	....	8 45	....	11 40	....
Sidny Cent'r	....	....	9 08	....	11 57	....
Walton	5 03	12 15	9 38	....	*12 37	....
Hancock Jct.	5 38	1 30	8	....	1 20	....
Rockland	....	2 38	6 09	....	2 10	....
Lyg'st'n M'r	6 27	3 00	6 14	....	2 25	....
Parksville	....	3 16	6 25	....	2 37	....
Liberty	6 48	3 35	6 36	....	2 51	....
Liberty Falls	....	3 41	6 41	....	n2 56	....
Hurleyville	....	4 01	6 50	....	3 06	....
Fallsburgh	n7 36	4 19	6 57	....	3 14	....
Centreville	....	4 40	7 04	....	n3 20	....
Mount'n D.	....	4 50	7 10	....	n3 25	....
Summitville	....	5 17	7 26	....	3 45	....
Wurtsboro	....	5 25	7 33	....	3 52	....
Bloom'g'bgh	....	5 32	7 38	....	3 57	....
Winterton	....	5 40	7 43	....	n4 02	....
M'town ar	8 00	6 05	8 01	....	4 21	....
M'town lv	8 10	6 25	*8 10	....	*4 30	....
M'town Main St.	....	6 27	8 12	....	4 32	....
Stony Ford	....	6 32	8 2	....	4 46	....
Campb'll H.	....	6 38	8 31	....	4 52	....
Burnside	....	6 45	8 30	....	4 57	....
Little Brit'n	....	6 55	8 45	....	5 08	....
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* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

* Stop for meals.

Trains leave Hancock Junction 2 05 p. m., for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 10 55 a. m., for Hancock Junction.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a. m., 3 50 and 6 45 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00, and 10 50 a. m., 3 10 and 5 05 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a. m., *4 05 p. m.

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 7 00 a. m., *2 45 and 9 50 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m.

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NORTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
New York	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 56	3 00	6 32
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 16	6 42
Franklin	11 12	3 26	6 47
Hamburg	11 20	3 36	6 55
Deckertown	11 28	3 52	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	4 04	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 38	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 57	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 46

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	4 45
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 09
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 16
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 25
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 33
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	5 42
Franklin Junction	7 27	8 53	
Franklin	7 34	9 06	5 54
Ogdensburg	7 51	9 32	6 10
Two Bridges	8 03		7 30
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 33
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	7 46
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 13
New York	9 56	11 23	8 23

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TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 1, 1896.

Eastern Time.	18 Sun	620	12	10	26	16	28	98	6	30	2	8	22	17	14	606	25	15	27	1	21	9	11	33	5	601	625	617
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*Daily. †Sundays only. ‡Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m. daily, except Sun.; 6.55 p. m. daily; 11:10 Sunday only.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 5:28 p. m. daily except Sunday, 10:52 a. m. Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m., 6.45 p. m., daily except Sunday. Sunday only 10:52 a. m., 6:10 p. m.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., 10:53 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 9:00 p. m., daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 1:28 and 6:25 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:52 p. m., Sun. only.

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Local and Personal Notes—Some of the Trials of Housekeepers—The Real Philosopher's Stone—A Recent Discovery.

From a Special Correspondent

—Miss Alice Neafie is visiting friends in Brooklyn and New York.

—Mrs. S. L. Casey will entertain the Ladies' Whist Club at the residence of Mrs. Wm. D. Van Vliet, next Thursday afternoon.

—Mr. Charles Cooper is ill with whooping cough.

—There are two things that destroy the poetry of life for the housekeeper, and they are washing day and the necessity of providing three meals a day. Monday is a miserable sort of day anyway, and gives one something of the going-back-to-school feeling that he was wont to experience in days gone by. As in those long-vanished Mondays there was a general scurrying about to find the books and other school necessities, so in the average household there is an effort to pick up loose ends, and set the domestic machinery in motion once more, as well as to accommodate and sometimes to propitiate the "Madonna of the tubs." A good housekeeper seldom gets half the credit she deserves. It often takes as much skill and diplomacy to keep an establishment of any size running smoothly, especially if the means and consequently the service are limited, as to engineer a bill through Congress, or negotiate any business transaction. It is a mortifying thing to think of what vital importance our food is to us. We have all probably seen people whom we know to have borne great sorrows nobly and bravely, who have at times been made decidedly "grumpy" by a badly cooked dinner. There are very few who can bear that philosophically.

—Perhaps there is nothing, by the way, that tends more toward making any one philosophical than a keen sense of humor. One who possesses it is so alive to the absurdities of which he is guilty when he loses his temper, for instance, that it helps him regain it speedily; and he who has control of his temper has discovered the true philosopher's stone.

—It is said that all things come to him who waits patiently. The writer has all her life heard that if you will examine far enough into any trouble to get at the real root of it, there you will always find a woman. Therefore she was both surprised and delighted, the other day, while reading an account of a quarrel between two women, to notice at the end of it this line, "It is said that a man was at the bottom of the difficulty." There have many wonderful things happened during this century—the invention of the telephone, the discovery of the many uses of electricity and the great wickedness of Middletown; but perhaps this admission may be classed among the most remarkable of them all. G. H.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH'S BALL.

Large Attendance, a Fine Concert, a Merry Dance and a Good Time Socially

The ball given by the 24th Separate Company at the Armory, last night, was well attended about one hundred and twenty-five persons being present. It is a compliment to the company to say that in the large gathering the ladies were considerably in the majority. The scaffolding which has been put up to build the gallery curtailed the floor space very considerably, but this brought the dancers closer together and there was more of an appearance of sociability—than they had been scattered over the whole of the large hall.

The 24th's Band gave a concert from 8.15 to 9.15 o'clock before the dancing began. The audience was evidently delighted with the excellent music and heartily applauded each number. The following programme was rendered:

[illegible]

After the concert dancing began and was kept up until early hour this morning.

Gordon's Assorted Assortment.

[illegible]

Wonderful Power of a Sprig.

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Catarrh and Cold Relieved in 10 to 60 Minutes.

One shake per of the breath through the Blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, distributes this Powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use. It relieves instantly and permanently cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Colds, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Tonsilitis and Deafness. 50 cents.

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20 Second " " " $100 PIERCE SPECIAL Bicycles* 2,000.00
40 Third " " " $ 25 Gold Watches - 1,000.00
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Total given during 12 mos. 1897, $40,800.00

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No. of District	NAME OF DISTRICT.
1	New York City, Brooklyn, Long and Staten Islands, New Jersey.
2	New York State (*outside of N. Y. City, Brooklyn, Long and Staten Islands*).
3	Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and District of Columbia.
4	The New England States.

*The Bicycles are the celebrated Pierce Special, 1897 Pattern, m'f'd by Geo. N. Pierce & Co., of Buffalo, Boston and New York. Fitted with Hartford Tires, First Class Nickle Lamp, New Departure Bell, Standard Cyclometer, and Hunt Lace Saddle.

RULES.

1. Every month during 1897 in each of the 4 districts prizes will be awarded as follows:
The 1 Competitor who sends in the Largest Number of coupons from the district in which he or she resides will receive $100 Cash.
The 5 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will Each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Pierce Special bicycle, price $100.00.
The 10 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will Each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Gold Watch, price $25.
2. The Competitions will Close the Last Day of Each Month during 1897. Coupons received too late for one month's competition will be put into the next.
3. Competitors who obtain wrappers from unsold soap in dealer's stock will be disqualified. Employees of Lever Brothers, Ltd., and their families, are debarred from competing.
4. A printed list of Winners in Competitor's district will be forwarded to Competitors in about 21 days after each competition closes.
5. Lever Brothers, Ltd., will endeavor to award the prizes fairly to the best of their ability and judgment, but it is understood that all who compete agree to accept the award of Lever Brothers, Ltd., as final.

LEVER BROS., Ltd., New York.

UP THE MIDLAND.

A New Store at Rockland—A New Industry—An Old Hunter on Jerry Barnes' Bear Hunt.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Palmer & Wood (Col. A. T. Palmer and James F. Wood), the well known Spring Brook acid manufacturers, have opened a store at Rockland and are doing a land office business. They sell everything needed by their workmen and the public, from a spool of thread up to a carload of feed. Mr. Wood was the Democratic candidate for the Assembly, last fall.

—I. T. Watson, of Roscoe, is getting ready to manufacture crate stuff from basswood slabs. Of all the slabs that ever came off a log basswood has in times past been looked upon as the most worthless, as they were neither good for lath, fence or fuel. With basswood as with human nature the best is nearly always on the outside, and what has formerly been looked upon as worthless will now be turned into profitable material.

—One old sportsman up here, when he read of the bear hunt that some of your Middletown people had, was more than amused at the statement that one rifle from which the front sight had been removed "shot low." He says that a rifle in that condition must of necessity shoot high, for removing or lowering the front sight would have the same effect as raising the hind or rear sight. He is willing to wager a bottle of Sullivan county applejack that he is right in the sight business and will go another bottle that he can put a bullet clean through a "bar" at forty rods every time he shoots at it. In days gone by this section had some mighty hunters and there are a "few on 'em" left yet. He says to make a good shot it is absolutely necessary for the shooter to have an eye on both sights and the bear at the same time the trigger is pulled. RUSTICUS.

WILL THE NATIONAL GUARD MUTINY?

Great Dissatisfaction Because They Are to Wear Prison Made Uniforms.

An Albany dispatch to the *Herald* says there is a threat of mutiny in the National Guard because of the proposed action of the State authorities to manufacture uniforms for the guard in State prisons.

About 3,000 uniforms are made every year, and under a contract as they are now made, they cost the State about $20 each and it is claimed that by having them made by convicts a saving of $35,000 a year will be effected and the question what to do with convicts will be solved.

It is only within a few days that guardsmen became aware of the intention of the authorities and they are now "up in arms" against the scheme and will do all they can to secure legislation to prevent it.

A Conscientious Assessor.

From the Walton Reporter

Wm. T. Strangeway has resigned his office as town assessor of Delhi. The reasons given by Mr. Strangeway are "that under the existing law I am unable to perform the duties of said office as said duties ought to be performed, and cannot conscientiously take the oath prescribed by law."

The Mount Lebanon Shakers have invented a great many valuable things. They were the first to make brooms by machinery, the first to put up seeds in little packages, the first to manufacture cut nails.

Now they are out with a method of curing dyspepsia by resting the stomach. Their remedy is known as the Shaker Digestive Cordial. It supplies food in an artificially digested form and at the same time aids the digestion of other foods in the stomach. In other words, by the use of the Shaker Digestive Cordial, a dyspepsic virtually gets along without the use of his stomach until it is restored to its natural strength and vigor. A single 10 cent bottle will oftentimes give marked relief. Get a bottle from your druggist and try it.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

A philanthropic gentleman from Paris will send (gratis) a prescription, which can be filled by any chemist, for the Cure of Catarrh, Lung Trouble, Coughs and Bronchitis. Address Morrhuol Creosote, 30 North William street, New York city. 32dtoMay5

Waalkill's Pleasant Evening.

The members of Waalkill Engine Company enjoyed a feast of clams, last night, after which they smoked and played cards, the evening passing pleasantly for all present.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Buildings, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y.
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	117	116¾
Tobacco	76	73⅝
Chicago Gas	78¾	77½
Nat. Lead		
General Electric	34⅜	34⅛
U. S. L., pref.	62¾	61¾
Tenn. Coal and Iron	29½	28¾
A. T. & S. F	14⅜	
C. B. & Q.	75¾	74¼
C. M. & St. P.	75¾	73½
R. I.	68⅛	67⅝
D. L. & W.	135½	134½
C. of N. J.	99½	99
Erie	15	14⅝
D. and H.	107¾	106¼
O. & W.	15	14¾
Susquehanna & Western		
Susquehanna & West., pref.	22⅞	22¾
P. & R.	26½	25⅝
N. W.	104½	103¾
L. S.		
N. Y. C.	94½	
M. P.	22½	21¾
Texas		
U. P.	7½	7½
W. Union	85	83⅞
L. & N.	51	50⅝
Manhattan	91⅞	90⅝
P. M.	25⅛	24¾
Wabash, pref.	16¾	
No. Pacific, pref.	33⅝	33
W. L.		
Southern R'y	10½	
Southern, pref.	29⅛	28⅝
May Wheat	79⅞	80⅛
May Corn	24⅛	24
May Oats	17¾	17⅜
May Pork	$7 95	$8 00
May Lard	4 05	4 10

Heart Disease Relieved in Thirty Minutes.

Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and speedily effects a cure. It is a peerless remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side and all symptoms of a Diseased Heart. One dose convinces.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Thousands of the victims of consumption owe their death to the simple neglect of a cold. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs and colds, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

DIED.

PRIEST—In this city, Jan. 23d, '97 of general debility, Ellen Priest, in her seventy-fifth year. Funeral Monday, at 1 o'clock, from the house, and ten-thirty from St. Joseph's Church, with high mass.

CAPRON—Entered into rest at Jersey City, Jan 22d, '97, Mary R., widow of Alexander Capron, formerly rector of Grace Church, aged seventy-three years.

Buried Tuesday afternoon from thirty o'clock at Grace Church, Middletown. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

DUSENBERRY—At Stony Point, Jan. 22d, '97, William B. Dusenberry, aged sixty-three years, two days and two hrs.

Buried Friday from the Scottish Church, at one o'clock. Friends and relatives will meet at his late residence, at twelve o'clock. Interment in family plot, Scottish Cemetery.

CARMICHAEL—At Chester, Jan. 20th, '97, Nancy Lacount, widow of the late Calvin Carmichael of Middletown, N. Y.

FREDERICK ROCKAFELLOW, Undertaker No. 99 North street. Lady assistant. Telephone No. 9. New York office 154 East 23d street.

KNAPP & MERRELL, Fashionable Hair Dressers and Manufacturers of Ladies' Wigs, Bangs, Switches, Etc. Combings Made Into Puffs. Ladies' Hair Dressing a Specialty. 241 Chestnut Street. Telephone Nos. 8 and 22.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 121 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & BAILEY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 51 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 12 night and day. New York office, 27 Great Jones street.

SALESMEN WANTED—Men can make big wages handling and selling our choice nursery stock—Trees, Shrubs, Roses, Vines, etc. (Business established 1850.) Gardeners and florists or those fond of it with the business preferred. Permanent employment to those who are satisfactory. Best of references must accompany applications. For terms etc. address KRENG & FOULK, Bloodgood Nurseries, Flushing, N. Y. It

FOR SALE!

The very desirable new house, No. 12 Gardner Ave., Oakland Place, 7 rooms and reception hall, large piazza, bay window, corner tower, pantry and piped for hot air heat. One of the prettiest and most commanding views obtainable in the city. Part of purchase price may remain.

JOHN W. GARDNER,
It E. MAIN ST. AND HORTON AVE

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

WE Have a few Trimmed Hats left that we are closing out at half price.
1t F. CRAWFORD, 15 West Main street.

REWARD—Lost—Black cocker spaniel pup. Return to 15 West Main street. 1t

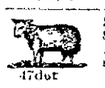
ODDS and ends in Stamped Linen Goods at reduced prices.
1t F. CRAWFORD, 15 West Main street.

SPECIAL — A splendid two-quart Fountain Syringe, extra long tubing, with three hard rubber pipes, 45c. Have purchased a large supply, and will sell them at cut price to run them out quickly. Get one at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

R U TROUBLED with cold feet at night? There's lots of comfort in our Hot Water Bottles, 50c. Get one at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

$6800 TO Loan on bond and mortgage in one lump or in sums to suit applicants. 1t J. F. BRADNER, Attorney.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Hogan Boiler Co. will be held at the ARGUS office, Middletown, N. Y., Saturday, Jan. 23d, 1897, at 7 o'clock p. m., to elect a Board of Directors and transact such other business as may come before it.
By order of the Corporators.
49,16,23 W. D. BROWN, Secretary.



SPARE RIBS 5c., cheap cuts Pork 8c., California Hams, boneless, 10c., Round Steak 2 for 25c. Our prices seldom change. Watch windows.
47dot GREENING'S.

MISS JULIE MYERS will continue her Dancing Class at Nearing Hall, for another half term, commencing Jan. 25th. 47d2t

FOR RENT—Four rooms, first floor, well and cistern, Wawayanda avenue, $4 50 to April 1st; also seven room cottage, Benjamin street.
MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street.

CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF has left town and will return to Middletown the 18th of January, 1897, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James St. 1sd&w3mMch17

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontunder 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience.
99d&wtf DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city.
Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown.
42d&wlyMy20 N. D. MILLS, Prop.

AS a Conservator of Health, one pair of dry feet is worth a dozen drug stores. A good pair of hand-made shoes is the best life insurance a man can carry. CRAIG, the Shoemaker, will make you any kind of shoe from $2.50 up. 22 West Main street.

WE HAVE IT—Heavy home killed Steer Beef with the right flavor and taste. Fresh Eggs from Sullivan. 45dot GREENING'S, 12 E. Main St.

$1000 TO Loan on bond and mortgage Address Box 305, city. tf

LARGE ingrain carpet; also 8 yards English body Brussels stair carpet; carpenters' boring machine with 2 augers, also large split cheap at the
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

PROF. LOUIS JESTER, Teacher of the Science of Manly Art, and Physical Culture and Natural Development. Massage Treatment a specialty. Casino Building. 37dtf

M. C. FREER has opened a painting and paper hanging business at 81 Wisner avenue. All work guaranted to be satisfactory. Prices very reasonable.
54dlyFeb6 M. C. FREER.

TANSY, Pennyroyal and Cotton Root Pills, woman's friend. A safe, prompt and reliable remedy for all obstructions. Agency at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

PAPER Hanging at 12½c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTINI,
dtf Shop 5 Academy Ave.

GOOD Barn for rent. W. C. DOYLE,
97dtf 24 Denton avenue

QUICK SALES, Small Profits—Pork Chop or Roasts 10c., Whole Loins 8c., Home Sausage 10c. Shoulder Steak 10c., 5 pounds for 45 cents.
46d6t GREENING'S.

PAINTING, Paper Hanging, Decorating—CHAS. J. KIDD, JR., 70 Academy avenue, is prepared to do work in the above lines, in the best style and at reasonable rates. An experience of several years in New York City enables him to guarantee best class work. 71dtf

HEADQUARTERS for Weather Strips at No. 1 Railroad avenue. Put them on now and keep warm. CHAS. Z. TAYLOR.

FOR RENT—The store now occupied by Chas. H. Brink, No. 7 King street, and next door plumbing establishment. Possession given Feb. 1
98dtf H. R. WILCOX

MANICURE and Hair Dressing Parlor—Hair dressed, cut, curled, singed, clipped, dyed and shampooed. Hair goods supplied.
83dtf 1 EAST MAIN ST., over Olney's Pharmacy

"HARDING'S Handy Hanger," price 12 cents. Keeps coat, vest and pants in good shape, all at the same time. A nice Christmas gift.
G. F. HARDING, Mr., Wurtsboro, N. Y.

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Charles S. Borland, late of the town of Goshen, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same with the proper vouchers thereof to the subscriber, Mary A. Borland, the executrix of the last will and testament of said deceased, at her place of residence in the town of Goshen, on or before the 24th day of July next.
Dated January 22d, 1897.
MARY A. BORLAND, Executrix
6w8 t&w24 JOHN H. BORLAND, Executor

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Middletown Savings Bank, Jan. 1, '97.

Bond and mortgages		$ 775,685 00
United States bonds		114,975 00
City, village and town bonds		777,575 00
Banking house		18,000 00
Real estate sold under contract		1,825 00
Other real estate		1,600 00
Cash on hand in banks and trust companies		191,881 15
Interest accrued		21 458 69
Rent accrued		137 50
		$1,686,050 34
Due depositors		$1,554 177 88
Fifty-fifth dividend		28,599 03
Surplus		103,868 83
		$1,686,050 34

F. R. DENTON, Vice President
D. H. BAILEY, Treasurer
Attest:
FRANK BUCKLEY, WM. MILLSPAUGH, JAS. B. CARSON, } Examining Committee.
Hw&wSat

SLOAT'S
Cash Store.

BEST OCTOBER BUTTER 18c
Best June Butter 14c.
BEST CHEESE 10c
Best Eggs 19c a Dozen.

REMOVAL PRICES.

We shall move about Feb. 1st to our new store, at No. 118 North street. Many lines of goods are being sold at cost rather than move them.

UNDERWEAR!

Ladies' Ribbed Vests 12½c
" " " 15c., were 19c
" " " 19c., were 25c
" " " 39c., were 50c
" natural " 45c., were 60c
" white or scarlet 75c., were 98c

Men's heavy fleeced Shirts 39c
" natural wool Shirts 50c., were 65 and 84c
" natural and scarlet, were 94 and 98c., now 75c

Children's Wool and Merino Shirts and Pants.
Reduced 10c to 7½c
Reduced 15c to 10c
Reduced 20c to 15c
Reduced 25c to 19c
Reduced 40c to 30c
Reduced 50c to 39c

Ladies' Wool Hose 12½c, value 18c
Ladies' Cashmere Hose 18c., was 23c
Men's Heavy Wool Socks 15c, were 19c
Boys' Wool Hose sizes 7 and 7½, 9c
Ladies' Kid Gloves 69c., were 89c
Children's Cashmere Hose 18c., were 25c

These goods must move. Qualities are right; prices too.

ECONOMY—STORE
114 NORTH ST.

SAWING WOOD

Is hard work. You will find it much easier and just as cheap to

BURN COAL!

Telephone your order to us and keep warm without having to break your back; also

Lumber and Building Material. Baled Shavings.

CRANE & SWAYZE.
11 to 19 Montgomery St.

Every Lady NEEDS

A WARM WRAPPER!

these cold days. Here is a chance to get a $1.50 Wrapper for 98 cents, made of Outing cloth, front and back yoke, trimmed with braid, separate skirt lining, new puff sleeves. Three yards skirt. Come and see us about Ladies', Misses' and Children's Wear, all kinds and prices. We sell a good many Jackets and Capes who know that prices and styles are right. Hair and Crepe Goods a specialty. Men's best quality Felt Boots and Perfection Overalls a specialty. M. KAZINGER'S

NEW IDEA,

Corner North and West Main Sts

At Stern's—Oh! What a Picnic for Those Ladies Who Waited.

We just completed a purchase from a manufacturer of fine Ladies' Cloaks and Capes who closed out the entire balance at remarkably low prices. We would not have bought these goods unless the price was so low that a sure sale of them was assured. The entire lot comprises 385 garments. We give a few prices as follows:
A Cloak, formerly $6.50 $3.98. A Cloak, formerly $10, $4.98.
A Cloak, formerly $14, $7.48. A Cloak, formerly $18, $9.75.
All guaranteed the very latest cut and fit. Our reputation stands back of this announcement as for truth. Come as early as you can.

L. STERN, No. 13-15 NORTH STREET.

AT THE NEW SHOE STORE.
SPECIAL.
Women's Heavy Grain Shoe $1.25.
Women's Oil Grain Shoe $1.40.

FRANK W. VanSICKLE,
No. 58 North Street, Next to Bull & Youngblood's.

TRUNKS--SPECIAL SALE OF TRUNKS FOR ONE WEEK!

You can buy any kind of a Bag you want, at this sale, at the same time.

Sale Lasts for the Remainder of the Month.

MATTHEWS & CO.
79, 81, 83 NORTH STREET, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y